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KWANGSI NEXT?

DIRECTION OF RETREAT OF IRONSIDES.

THE REASON WHY.

Not Sure of Extent of "Red" Influence in Ranks.

CANTON GOVT. TROOPS ENCOUNTER BANDITS AT WAICHOW.

Each step the Ironsides take in their march away from Canton city is an addition to prospects of peace which is so highly desired by merchants everywhere.

That the Ironsides are retreating, even when the force against them is relatively weaker, is now apparent. They are now bound north for Kiangsi province.

When the Ironsides seemed likely to make a stand, they were only 60 miles east of Canton. Latest reports show that they have trekked another 60 miles northward.

Despatches to hand show that there was no fighting between the Canton Government's units and the Ironsides, but the former were engaged against bandits at Waichow.

Other intelligence throws light on the mystery of the Ironsides' policy. They are retreating because they cannot tell how far "Red" influence has affected their ranks.

MOVING NORTH.

General Li Chai-sum, head of the Kwangsi faction in Canton, is making the fullest use of the element of doubt in the Ironsides' army and has given orders to his senior subordinates in the field to keep following up until the Ironsides are out of Kwangtung province.

Reports received during the week-end explain how the Kwangsi army got into Waichow city and how an erroneous report was circulated of fighting between that army and the Ironsides' rear.

Confidence in Canton is on an upward trend mainly because of the Ironsides' retreat, even though there is financial despondency on account of the depreciated paper money.

120 Miles Away.

Canton claims that the Ironsides have even evacuated Hoyuen, a town on the upper East River, about 60 miles above Waichow, the latter being about 60 miles east of Canton.

Kwangsi units are going up the East River to Hoyuen to take over the town. With the Ironsides (who number at least 20,000) going away, the Kwangsi army is showing more activity, although the total strength is only 10,000.

After digging in at Waichow, the Ironsides' commander-in-chief became uneasy about the attitude of more than one unit. His crack brigade had joined the Reds in the crisis at Canton.

Bandits Take a Hand. Accordingly, the order to retreat was given to avoid further trouble and to keep the army intact.

The day after the Ironsides' departure from Waichow, the Kwangsi army's vanguard entered the city, this detachment being less than 400 strong.

Word reached the banditti in the neighbourhood. The outlaws attacked in the interval and entered that part of Waichow which is known as the district capital, whilst the 400 Kwangsi troops stayed in the prefectural capital, separated from the other part.

Reinforcements from Fokio, a town on the opposite bank of the East River, drove out the bandits.

Danger From Reds. Bigger forces arrived and the taking over of Waichow city was completed.

Meanwhile, the Ironsides had gone up the East River. The Kwangsi army is following up; but not maintaining contact.

Units of the Kwangsi army in the hinterland of Swatow are also reported to be moving inland to exert pressure on the Ironsides' right wing, whilst the main army from Waichow follows the rear.

With the military forces all heading for the interior, the Red guerrillas near the coast are suspected to be mobilising for a run on any territory vacated by the troops. Steps to counteract such a raid have not been made.

Position Summed Up. Summed up, the position is as follows:—

The most dangerous opponents of the present administration in Canton, the Ironsides, have been forced by circumstances to march away, thus materially reducing the possibility of war.

The Papersides of Honam are bowing to the inevitable by consenting to be transferred to several districts in the River delta, paving the way for the Kwangsi forces' control of both the city and Honam.

In less than a fortnight after returning to power, the Kwangsi faction under General Li Chai-sum has consolidated its position, although the Government's note issue is in a precarious condition.

WITHOUT A LICENCE.

FINE FOR MOTOR CAR CLEANER.

CHASED BY SERGEANT.

Traffic Sergeant Clark this morning charged a Chinese before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy for driving public motor car No. 480 at 1 a.m., yesterday without a driver's licence. The accused pleaded "not guilty."

Giving evidence, Sergeant Clark said that he was on motor cycle patrol in Hill Road going in the direction of the waterfront when he saw public motor car No. 480 approaching in the opposite direction on the wrong side of the road. When the car was some 20 feet away from the witness it suddenly swung right round and went back to the public motor car stand. The witness went after the car on his motor cycle, and as he caught up with it on the off side, the car stopped and two men jumped out on the near side of the car. The two men immediately ran in opposite directions. The witness followed the accused and caught him on board a night soil boat tied up to the praya wall.

The Sergeant admitted that he did not see the face of the man who drove the car, but he was sure that accused was the man whom he chased. The accused was the last man to leave the car as he approached it, and as the car had a right hand drive and the men got out of it on the near side, the inference was that the accused had been driving the car. Besides, the accused's companion was a youth of about 16 years of age.

Accused's Denial. When the driver of car No. 480, who had left the car for a while, was questioned by the Sergeant, he said that he did not know the accused, and had given him no authority to drive the car. This man also told the Sergeant that when he returned to his car he

found that it was facing the other way. The Sergeant explained that instead of backing the car on to the stand as all drivers do, the accused drove straight on to it. The accused, the Sergeant added, admitted to him that he had driven car No. 201 and not car No. 480. The driver of car No. 201 denied this, and gave the information that the accused was a car cleaner and tout.

The accused repeated to the Magistrate that he had driven motor car No. 201, but that was on Friday night when he was learning to drive. He did not drive any car on the morning the Sergeant arrested him. He was playing with the youth mentioned by the Sergeant, and was chasing him when the Sergeant came up and arrested him (accused). It was not true that he was arrested on board a night soil boat. The Magistrate convicted the accused and imposed a fine of \$25, or, in default, three weeks' hard labour.

AFGHAN KING.

Great Reception In Italy.

KING VICTOR'S BANQUET.

Visit Marred By An Aeroplane Fatality.

Rome, Yesterday. After a fortnight's visit to Egypt, where he expressed a wish to conclude an Afghano-Egyptian Treaty of friendship, King Amanullah of Afghanistan arrived at Naples, being ceremoniously welcomed.

His Majesty proceeded to Rome, where the streets were beflagged



KING VICTOR EMANUEL

and festooned and thronged by enthusiastic crowds.

King Amanullah was greeted by their Italian Majesties, Signor Mussolini, and the British Ambassador (Sir Ronald Graham). Later the King was the guest of honour at a banquet given by King Victor, who cordially proposed the toast of his health, recalling that Italy was the first European nation to recognise Afghan independence. He was convinced that the traditionally friendly relations between Italy and Afghanistan would tighten in the future.

The journey from Naples was marred by a tragedy. Two aeroplanes which were escorting the train were carrying out evolutions over the capital when they collided in mid air. One crashed to earth, the pilot being killed, but the other continued its flight.—Reuter.

UNDER FIRE.

PLANES WITH WOUNDED MARINES.

A HOT BARRAGE.

Managua, Yesterday. Aeroplanes from Quilali were carrying marines wounded in the recent fighting when they encountered a hot barrage from Nicaraguan insurgents' rifles and were forced to fly high.—Reuter's American Service.

"RED" GOLD.

TO PAY FOR THE BRITISH MINERS' STRIKE.

\$50,000 LENT.

Riga, Yesterday. It is learned from Moscow that the Russian unions have acceded to the request of the British miners' union to lend the latter \$50,000 without interest to pay debts incurred during the strike.—Reuter.

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UNITY FAR OFF.

Chiang Kai-shek's Latest Dilemma.

A SZECHUAN CONFERENCE.

British Shipping Suspended Again At Waikiki.

In trying to adopt a course which will offend the fewest of warring factions, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek seems to have placed himself in the usual position of those who hunt with the hounds and run with the hare.

Before he resumed command of all the Nationalist armies, he was in negotiation with a political faction (which has very little military backing). This faction, known as the Leftists, has been referred to as the Canton group.

It was through seeking the co-operation of the Kwangsi military faction—which controls Canton—that the Generalissimo has lost the Leftist politicians as well.

Kwangsi Faction's Attitude.

Developments over the week-end, says the "China Mail" political correspondent, do not point to a united, strong Nationalist Government at Nanking.

Chiang Kai-shek is back at work; and that is about all there is to be said.

The attitude of the Kwangsi faction is still under doubt. Leaders of the faction away from

FRESH AND FINE.

Fresh northerly winds, fine, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone has strengthened and is now centred to the east of Tokyo. Depressions off over N.E. China and between Hong Kong and Formosa.

Nanking are steadfastly opposed to Nanking; but General Li Tsung-jen, one of the "big four" of the faction, is reported to be at Nanking and attending meetings with Chiang Kai-shek.

Discord and Friction.

According to the "Kung Sheng Yat Po," Chiang Kai-shek is afraid to broadcast the customary circular telegram announcing his return to duty.

The Canton group of politicians is keeping away from Nanking, and Mr. Sun Fo, a Rightist, wants to join hands with the Kwangsi military faction at Canton.

Unable to prevent discord in its own councils, the Nationalist Government at Nanking is trying to pacify the area in the Upper Yangtze basin.

Friction is also evident in connection with the retention of revenues by the General in Anhui.

Mr. T. V. Soong, whose sister married the Generalissimo, has assumed duty as Nationalist Finance Minister.

WANHSIEN DANGER.

British Ships Stop Calling.

Wanhsien, Yesterday. British steamers have stopped calling here owing to the likelihood of shipping being commandeered by the military.

There is considerable movement of troops on the upper reaches of the River.

General Wu Pei-fu was present at a recent conference of Szechuanese generals. No details of what took place have been issued.—British Naval Wireless.

Bandits at Ichang. Ichang, Yesterday. Bandits are causing trouble around this port, particularly by their constant sniping at ships.

There are signs that the situation is growing more threatening.—British Naval Wireless.

FURTHER DOWN.

Troops Moving Along Middle Yangtze.

Shanghai, Saturday. The military position on the Yangtze remains distinctly unsettled.

General Yang San is withdrawing his troops from Shantung, and he himself has moved to Wanchow.

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EUROPE'S PROGRESS.

Review by British Prime Minister.

RECONSTITUTION WORK.

Great Achievements Of Past Three Years.

Rugby, Yesterday. Speaking at Worcester yesterday the Prime Minister (Mr. S. Baldwin) expressed the view that more progress had been made throughout Europe in the last three years than in any equal period since the war.

It was in October, 1925, that the greatest step was taken in the conference at Locarno which brought together France, Belgium, Germany, Italy and Great Britain as



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general guarantors of the existing Western frontier between Belgium and France. For the first time since the war there was a feeling of security, without which it was naturally impossible for Great Britain to co-operate as we should all desire in the necessary work of re-constituting and pacifying Europe.

Then, on other hand, it had brought Germany into the League of Nations and marked a definite end of the post-war period. It enabled the Inter-Allied Military Commission in Germany to be withdrawn twelve months ago.

Germany, on her part, had shown good faith in carrying out the terms of the Versailles Treaty, and was now the great co-operation of Germany, and, whilst our relations essential to progress in Europe have so greatly improved with Germany, it has been possible also to increase co-operation with France and with Italy.

Now the great progressive nations of the West were united in their endeavour to create a peaceful and prosperous Europe.—British Wireless Service.

U.S. AND BRITAIN.

\$25,000 FOR COLLECTION OF LITERATURE.

A LADY'S DONATION.

Newhaven (Connecticut).

Yesterday. Mrs. Florence Brooksaten, of New York, has presented Yale University with a fund of \$25,000, the income of which is to be used for the collection of literature bearing on British-American relations between 1750 and 1816.—Reuter's American Service.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

HON. A. H. RUTHVEN TO BE GOVERNOR.

Rugby, Saturday. H.M. the King has approved the appointment of Colonel the Hon. Alexander Hore Ruthven, V.C., to be Governor of South Australia in succession to Lieut.-General Sir Tom Bridges.—British Wireless Service.

[Colonel Ruthven is the second son of Baron Ruthven. He was military secretary to the Governor-General of Australia in 1908. He has had a distinguished military career.]

LINDBERGH ON TOUR.

San Jose (Costa Rica).

Yesterday. Lindbergh, arrived from Mangua, completing the sixth section of the Central America "goodwill" flight.—Reuter's American Service.

R.A. BRIGADE.

The 4th Brigade, Royal Artillery, which is stationed at the Rope Factory, Kowloon, is proceeding to the United Kingdom to-morrow.

THAMES DISASTER.

People Drowned In Bedrooms.

TATE GALLERY SUFFERS.

Hundreds Of Families Stricken.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Saturday morning flooding of the London riverside districts was due to a combination of three factors, namely, the high tide, the swollen state of the river due to the floods, and to the gale which had piled up the tide water.

Actually the tide rose six feet one inch above the predicted height. No record exists of such conditions having occurred before in the Thames.

The final death toll reached fourteen, nearly all the victims having been drowned in basement bedrooms. The damage done to house property was very considerable.

The public building which suffered most was the Tate Gallery, where the basements, stored with pictures, including portfolios containing hundreds of the Turner drawings, were flooded. The injury done cannot yet be estimated.

Hundreds of families, many of them poor have suffered serious loss, and prompt measures were taken to organise relief. Shelter in churches, hospitals, schools, and private dwellings was immediately provided for all in need, and relief funds were started by the London Municipalities affected.

A Warning.

A warning was issued yesterday by the Port of London Authorities that as the tides would normally be increasing until Tuesday and, as storms are forecast and flood conditions prevail in the Thames Valley, the danger will exist until after Tuesday, when the tides should begin to fall.

No fresh floods, however, were caused by high tides of yesterday afternoon, this morning, or this afternoon, although the stream on all three occasions was abnormally high. The tides were watched by thousands of people on the banks.

Extraordinary precautions were taken by the authorities to prevent a repetition of Saturday morning's disaster. Various areas in which victims had been trapped were defended by walls of bags, filled with sand and cement, whilst 1,000 extra Police were drafted to these places and to others where there was reason for anxiety.

Salvage work was still proceeding to-day in places where the water had not drained off.

Biggest Since 1235.

Historians state that the last Thames flood comparable with that of Saturday occurred nearly seven centuries ago—1235.

Abnormal tides surpassing any within living memory were experienced along the East Coast yesterday, and the whole colonies of beach huts used in the Summer by holiday makers at Frinton, Walton-on-Naze, and Chatham, and the railway lines between Colchester and Clacton were damaged.—British Wireless Service.

EARLIER NEWS.

Places Flooded.

London, Yesterday. The Port of London Authority has issued a warning that the danger of flooding in the Thames valley will exist till Tuesday, when the tides begin to fall. A repetition of last night's flood is therefore possible.

Last night's tide rose over six feet above the predicted height. Notable buildings flooded were: the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London, Tate Gallery, Waterloo Hospital, St. Thomas's Hospital, Blackwall Tunnel, Chelsea power house and Woolwich Arsenal. Thousands of pounds damage were done at the Tate Gallery, numerous Turner sketches being ruined in ten feet of water.—Reuter.

Four Sisters Drowned. The most pathetic feature of the disaster was the drowning in a basement bedroom in Vauxhall of four sisters aged 18, 16, seven and three. The father heard their cries of help and desperately tried for an hour to reach them, but the water was level with the top of the basement door, which could not be opened. He was finally forced to leave them in order to extricate his

BIAS BAY.

Visit From Japanese Gunboat.

NO PERMANENT PATROL.

Failed To Secure Permanent Patrol.

Bias Bay is to be visited by a Japanese warship and the projected cruise has given rise to a statement that the Japanese Government intends to place a permanent Naval patrol at the approach to the notorious bandit lair.

Inquiries were made at the Consulate-General this morning when it was confirmed that the small gunboat "Uji" is going to Bias Bay very shortly.

A vernacular paper states that the visit is the result of the conversations at Peking between H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong (Sir Cecil Clementi) and the Diplomatic Corps.

Statement Groundless. The Consul-General, Mr. Y. Murakami, said that "at present, the statement about a permanent patrol is groundless."

H.I.J.M.s "Uji" has been stationed at Canton for some time and is coming down to Hong Kong to-morrow morning. Prior to returning to Canton, she will cruise around Bias Bay. But, the Consul-General added, there have been other units in the Japanese Navy which occasionally cruised around Bias Bay when they happened to be in the vicinity.

wife and others from an upstairs room. One of the drowned girls was a champion swimmer.—Reuter.

Refuge in Cathedral.

Advantage has been taken of low tide to repair the breached Thames abutments. The entrances to all streets have been barricaded with heavy sandbags and earth. Consolidated piles and sandbags and dwellers have stuffed up the cracks in floors and windows. They remained afloat until high tide had receded at three on Sunday morning. Further danger has temporarily passed.

Scores of tenements are uninhabitable and the contents ruined through yesterday's inundation. Thameside municipalities and other organisations have constituted relief committees to provide food and shelter to the crowds of refugees who are sleeping in the two halls of Westminster Cathedral, which is built on comparatively high ground and is one of the few buildings in the neighbourhood to keep dry.

London, Yesterday. Their Majesties the King and Queen have sent a message of sympathy to the London flood victims. The King donated £100 to the relief fund and the Queen £50.—Reuter.

RESIDENTS TRAPPED IN BASEMENTS.

Eleven Drowned.

London, Saturday. The Thames suddenly overflowed its bank in London. Eleven persons have been trapped in the basements in the low-lying districts of Lambeth, and drowned.

Night of Terror.

London, Later. The Thames, which was the heaviest spate following the great thaw overflowed its banks in London in the early hours of the morning and inundated the low-lying districts of the city. It brought a night of terror and tragedy along the north bank between Lambeth and Vauxhall bridges.

Numbers of people were trapped in the basement of houses. Eleven are so far known to have been drowned.

The embankment was flooded from Blackfriars to Westminster. On the first rush of the waters the police hurried to warn the sleeping occupants of houses in Lambeth. Parents hastily grabbed their children and ran before the advancing flood. The majority reached safety in the streets away from the river. Others, however, were trapped by the rising waters.

Appalling Suddenness. The Thames waters rose with appalling suddenness.

Several policemen, giving the alarm, were swept off their feet. The river broke the parapet in several places and scattered in the street waters invaded the houses of Parliament, and the Tate Gallery, and washed out the watchman from the latter building.

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James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, report on Dec. 7:

There has been little change in the aggregate in cotton values during the past week, although there is perhaps a growing feeling that cotton in Liverpool may come below tenpence in the near future. The position is very uncertain but there does not seem to be much to warrant such an anticipation unless it is sentiment and the fact that there does not seem to be the amount of genuine trade business at Liverpool to support values at the moment.

In Manchester the improvement in not only demand and enquiry from the markets abroad but also in actual business done towards the end of last week, has not been maintained and the market was nothing like so active yesterday. There was a good attendance on change but it was more in anticipation of enquiry than in actual enquiry itself.

Calcutta has been more active than most of the Indian markets, and it would seem that the restrictions imposed by the Marwaris have not yet become operative. Karachi has enquired for some light goods, Bombay light goods and some fancies, but the lines for the most part are small and the little business which is offering is eagerly sought after by manufacturers, and prices are consequently rather irregular.

There is some Continental enquiry which is rather difficult to work, but with the scarcity of offers from other markets some nice business from this quarter is finding its way on to the books.

Trade all round is, however, very disappointing. The market lacks confidence and there is a tendency to await the final estimate of the U.S.A. Bureau before buyers go in for further contracts of any weight. The report is expected to show a further slight decrease in crop figures, and while it may have some effect on prices the day it is issued, as most of the reports have done, values will probably settle back again to round about tenpenny cotton, which seems to be quite a fair basis. If the new material gets much below this it becomes cheap and quite a reasonable speculation.

The abandonment of the spinners' price fixing scheme for yarns has now almost been forgotten, and but for the reference made to it in the inward mails, would be a thing of the past.

THE OIL WAR.

Negotiations are reported by the "Evening Standard" to be taking place in London between the Royal Dutch Shell group and the Burmah Oil Co. for an amalgamation of their marketing interests in India, as one of the moves in the war between the Royal Dutch Shell interests and the Standard Oil of New York over the purchase of large quantities of Russian petroleum for eastern markets by the Standard company.

Mr. A. S. Denham, the director of the Royal Dutch Shell group, who is most intimately concerned with the marketing of the group's petroleum in the East, said the fusion will undoubtedly strengthen the position of both the Royal Dutch Shell and the Burmah Oil Co. in meeting the competition of Russian oil in Indian markets. The Royal Dutch Shell group has an issued capital of more than \$64,000,000, and the Burmah Oil Co. has a capital of \$11,000,000. The Standard Oil of New York and the Vacuum Oil Co. of New York, which have both purchased Russian oil for sale in the East generally, have a joint capital of approximately \$100,000,000.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

POWER-ALCOHOL.

THE SEARCH IN AUSTRALIA.

For some time past, all industrial countries have been considering with more or less energy what substitutes could be obtained for petrol, and the report by Mr. G. A. Cook, on the "Possibilities of Power Alcohols and certain other Fuels in Australia," which the Government of Australia has recently published on behalf of its Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, shows that the subject is being considered very carefully in that Dominion.

Processes for obtaining alcohol by fermenting vegetable products rich in sugar or in starch, or by forming fermentable sugars from cellulosic materials either after preliminary hydrolysis or by direct bacterial action, can be carried out nowhere with the same advantage as in the localities where the material can be grown. The present report discusses in considerable detail a large number of these possible raw materials. The work-

ing of each of the sugar or starch fermentation processes has its own special problems, but as a whole they appear to be less in technical difficulties of manufacture than in reconciling conflicting economical circumstances.

Of the waste products which might be turned to account by direct fermentation the best is molasses, of which 5 cwt. is produced for every ton of crude sugar. At present molasses is largely wasted or sold at a low price; but at market prices Australia cannot export sugar without a heavy loss, and as her production is already much in excess of the home demand, the amount of molasses now available is not likely to increase. Even if all this amount were used for power alcohol, it would yield only some 5 per cent. of the existing Australian demand for motor fuels, and as a fact some half of it has to be reserved to meet the home demand for methylated and potable spirit, or rejected as a material for power alcohol as coming from mills too remote from the markets for that product to stand the cost of transport.

It may be, as this report concludes, that direct fermentation seems to offer no prospect of answering the national fuel problem completely. The facts, however, which it collects exhibit some crops as more hopeful than others, and some among these do not yet appear to have been tried out sufficiently to justify a final opinion. German alcohol production, the untaxed and even subvented course of which has been a large factor of the growth of the German chemical industries, was built up on the fermentation of potatoes, and the value of some Australian tubers for the production of alcohol is stated to be from 60 per cent. to 95 per cent. greater than that of the potato. The nipa palm, again, from which sugar is extracted by tapping sap from the living tree, is a source of very cheap alcohol in various parts of the tropics, and is found in Papua and the Mandated Territories of New Guinea.

CHINA RAILWAY LOAN.

The Washington State Department has confirmed the report that no reason exists for opposing the proposed Morgan loan of \$30,000,000 for the South Manchurian Railway, although it is emphasized that no formal application concerning it has been received so far.

RESEARCH ON COAL.

A LIP SERVICE TO NECESSITY.

Every engineer to-day pays at least a lip service to the necessity for research, as a means of increasing our commercial prosperity. But research means a financial outlay, and as Sir Alfred Mond has pointed out, if it is to achieve its purpose, that outlay must be on a large scale. The results obtainable from 100 pieces of apparatus are, as he truly said, more than fifty times as valuable as those obtainable from two, and are obtained more quickly. But only a large organization can afford the necessary expenditure and, what is more important, it is only under the protection of such a body that research workers can carry out their investigations unharassed by the fear of being asked to produce results or lose their employment. Results, given the right men, adequate equipment and freedom of action, will come in time, but how and when are as uncertain as the wind. Trustrification, we have recently been told, is the remedy for the ills in the coal industry, but trustrification in ideas on how the product of that industry may best be won, treated and utilised is certainly an equal, if not a more crying, need.

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of the facilities that the Institute undoubtedly affords. The last paragraph may appear to be parenthetical to our main subject, but further examination will show that it is highly germane. For, to paraphrase Sir Alfred Mond, while individual research is useful, combined research is much more useful, and the results that are likely to spring from the co-operative efforts of those who, from whatever standpoint, take fuel as a whole for their subject are sure to be much more far-reaching than those that are brought about by the work of any one section.—"Engineering."

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Beef Sirloin	牛 肥	lb. 28	24 12
" Prime Cut	牛 肉	28	23 12
" Corned	牛 肉	28	23 12
" Roast	牛 肉	28	24 12
" Breast	牛 肉	24	20 18
" Soup	牛 肉	28	20 18
" Steak	牛 肉	28	24 12
" Steak Sirloin	牛 肉	40	30 36
" Sausages	牛 肉	40	28 20
Bullock's Brains	牛 肉	per set 15	10 12
" Tongue, fresh	牛 肉	each 65	60 60
" Tongue, corned	牛 肉	each 1.20	1.10 1.20
" Head	牛 肉	lb. 24	18 14
" Heart	牛 肉	lb. 24	18 14
" Hump, Salt	牛 肉	lb. 34	30 18
" Feet	牛 肉	each 8	10 12
" Kidneys	牛 肉	each 15	18 12
" Tail	牛 肉	lb. 28	20 22
" Liver	牛 肉	lb. 24	18 14
" Tripe	牛 肉	lb. 7	6 7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛 肉	set 1.20	1.00 1.00
Mutton Chop	羊 肉	lb. 48	28 —
" Leg	羊 肉	lb. 48	28 —
" Shoulder	羊 肉	lb. 48	24 —
" Saddle	羊 肉	lb. 48	24 —
Pig's Chilling	猪 肉	Per set 35	— 12
" Brains	猪 肉	lb. 10	15 —
" Feet	猪 肉	lb. 28	15 18
" Fry	猪 肉	lb. 10	20 —
" Head	猪 肉	each 15	10 10
" Heart	猪 肉	each 15	10 3
" Kidneys	猪 肉	lb. 60	30 24
" Liver	猪 肉	lb. 34	25 23
Fork Chop	猪 肉	lb. 24	21 —
" Leg	猪 肉	lb. 34	25 23
" Loin	猪 肉	lb. 40	60 70
" Fat or Lard	猪 肉	lb. 24	21 —
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊 肉	per set 85	60 70
" Heart	羊 肉	each 12	8 7
" Kidneys	羊 肉	each 15	12 10
" Liver	羊 肉	each 48	28 25
Sucking Pigs, to order	猪 肉	lb. 20	25 22
Suet, Beef	猪 肉	lb. 30	20 18
" Mutton	猪 肉	lb. 48	28 28
Veal	猪 肉	lb. 30	20 19
" Sausages	猪 肉	lb. 36	20 20
" No. 1.	猪 肉	lb. 30	—

Fish.

Barbel	魚	lb. 70	19 24
Bream	魚	lb. 26	20 16
Canton Fresh	魚	22	13 16
Water Fish	魚	25	16 27
Carp	魚	28	12 9
Catfish	魚	36	20 25
Codfish	魚	45	23 26
Crabs	魚	28	16 2
Cuttle Fish	魚	38	23 18
Dace	魚	42	20 —
Dace	魚	11	10 8
Dog Fish	魚	45	16 —
Zels, Conger	魚	25	10 18
" Fresh Water	魚	22	28 30
" Yellow	魚	80	32 25
Frogs	魚	78	40 30
Garoupa	魚	30	22 13
Gudgoun	魚	25	18 23
Herrings	魚	30	18 15
Halibut	魚	26	22 18
Loach	魚	75	22 24
Lobsters	魚	45	32 21
Mackerel	魚	28	20 23
Monk Fish	魚	30	13 2
Mullet	魚	25	13 3
Oysters	魚	30	16 22
Parrot Fish	魚	28	14 9
Perch	魚	28	20 15
Pike	魚	30	16 9
Plaice	魚	40	26 29
Pomfret, Black	魚	44	36 30
Pomfret, White	魚	48	36 45
Prunna	魚	60	10 14
Ray	魚	11	10 14
Rock Fish	魚	62	18 18
Roe	魚	28	22 16
Salmon	魚	65	86 80
Shark	魚	10	8 10
Shate	魚	12	10 10
Shrimps	魚	30	32 30
Snapper	魚	45	26 35
Soles	魚	45	28 28
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For that reason we welcomed the formation of the Institute of Fuel, which was established a short time ago to promote the general advancement of the various branches of fuel technology. We welcomed it the more because it enlists under one banner engineers, chemists and other scientific workers who, though interested in fuel problems, are mainly concerned with some other branch of human activities, whether it be scientific or technological. Their intercourse cannot but lead to a valuable exchange of ideas and their discussion from fresh viewpoints.

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THE INSTITUTION AND INSTALLATION of the Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A., D.S.C., as Dean of St. John's Cathedral, and the Rev. Mok Shau-tang, Incumbent of the Church of Our Saviour, Canton, as Archdeacon of Canton, will take place at Evensong on January 12, at 5.45 p.m.

A reception to welcome the Rev. A. and Mrs. Swann will be held in the Cathedral Hall at 4.30 the same afternoon.

The Church Body extend a cordial invitation to all interested in the work of the Cathedral to be present on this occasion.

Hong Kong, 9th January, 1928.

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Hong Kong, 6th January, 1928.

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Hong Kong, 15th December, 1927.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

CHINESE NEW YEAR MEETING.
21st January, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the CHINESE NEW YEAR MEETING to be held on January 21st, 1928 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained from Dr. F. Pierce Grove, The Polo Club and Causeway Bay Stables. Entries close before noon SATURDAY, 7th January, 1928.

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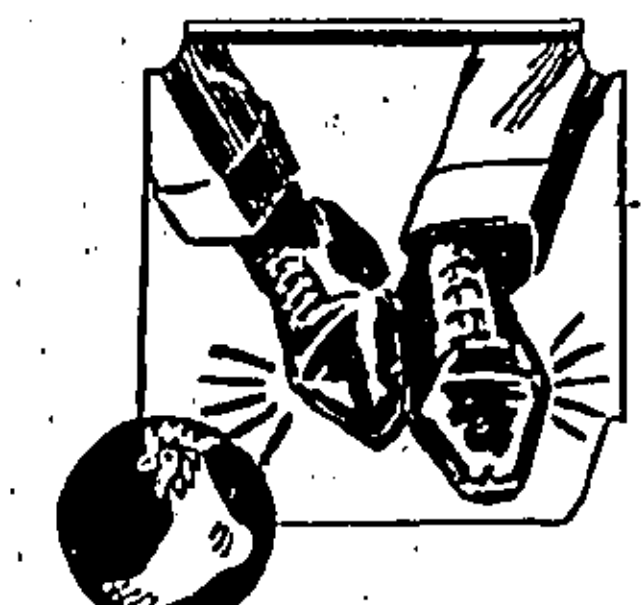
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Case Against Christie & Bluhm.

BANKERS AND THEIR CLIENTS.

Counsel's "Information Should Not Be Divulged."

The case of criminal conspiracy to defraud, against James Christie and Christopher Bluhm, which has been occupying the attention of Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy for some time, is nearing its closing stage.

On Saturday morning Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, concluded a searching cross-examination of Bluhm just before the Court rose at 1 o'clock, when the case was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

The case is expected to conclude to-morrow, when Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, for the defence, will re-examine Bluhm, after which counsel and Mr. King will address his Worship on the evidence given by both sides in the case.

Before Mr. King resumed his cross-examination of Bluhm on Saturday morning, Major Willson questioned the witness about the deposit receipt.

Banks and Their Customers. Bluhm said that Christie sent for him to the Astor House Hotel in Swatow, and asked him to accompany a Chinese military official to the Li Tong Bank, where the money was shown to him and then the deposit receipt was given him which he handed over to Christie.

The Magistrate asked Bluhm if he had any written authority in his possession when he went to the bank, pointing out that it was not usual for banks to give information about deposits made by their clients to everyone.

Bluhm said that he did not have any written authority because he went to the bank in the company of the Chinese official.

Procedure Irregular? Mr. Leask said that he was glad his Worship had raised the point about bank procedure, as he proposed to address his Worship on the point of the Belgian Bank in Tientsin supplying information to the prosecution about Christie's financial affairs, which action, he said, was irregular procedure as between bankers and client.

Major Willson said that in this case the information was supplied to the police.

Mr. Leask replied that the police were not privileged persons. However, he would reserve the matter for argument later.

"Oil From Jardine's." Proceeding with his cross-examination of Bluhm, Mr. King asked the witness why he left the American firm of McDonald and Healy.

Bluhm said that he left because he wanted to start business on his own. He did not get a testimonial from that firm because he did not ask for one.

Answering other questions, Bluhm said that whilst he was in Hankow he ordered oil from the Jardine Engineering Corporation. He placed the orders with Jardine's at Hankow and paid for the oil through them. He did not have any direct dealings with the Jardine Engineering Corporation in Shanghai. Strom and Co. were his agents in Shanghai and they arranged with Jardine's for the shipping of the oil to Hankow.

The oil he dealt with in Hankow was "Red Ball" kerosene oil. He did not deal in oil from any other company in Hankow.

Left When "Reds" Came. He left Hankow and went to Shanghai when the "Reds" arrived in February or March last year, and left Shanghai for South China about the end of August. During the four or five months he stayed in Shanghai he did not do any business, and lived with a wealthy relative who was well known in Shanghai.

He decided to come to South China to see what oil he could sell here. He discussed the matter with Mr. Zia of Jardine's, and the latter told him that the oil supplied to him through Strom and Co., which was of 135 degrees, was not so good, and suggested that he should take up the sale of "Long Life" oil which was of 150 degrees. Zia told him that Thatcher and Co. could supply him with "Long Life" oil. He (Bluhm) accepted Zia's offer to sell "Long Life" oil and was given a letter to Thatcher and Co. He did not go to Thatcher and Co. before coming South because he did not know at the time the market conditions here, and was not sure if he could market the oil.

"Fairy Tales" Allegation. Asked how he knew what percentage he was to get, Bluhm said that being in the oil business he knew more or less what to expect, as the percentage given by oil companies was nearly always the same.

Mr. King suggested that Thatcher and Co. was non-existent, and Bluhm replied that Mr. King

held a letter from the Company addressed to him.

Mr. King remarked that letters were of no value, and said that for all they knew Bluhm was telling fairy tales.

Bluhm said that in any case he relied on Zia, who told him about Thatcher and Co., and was going to act between him (Bluhm) and the Company. He admitted, however, that he did not know what connection Zia had with Thatcher and Co.

"William's Cakes." Further examined, Bluhm said that he did not sell any oil in South China because there was a big slump in prices. Besides oil, his intention was to deal in opium medicine in South China.

The medicine was known as "William's Cakes" and he could get stock from the A.C.K. Company, Shanghai. He did not know what A.C.K. stood for, but he could say that this Company existed as he had been there several times. He had known the firm for two years, and its manager was Mr. Oak. Bluhm also said that he did not sell any of the opium medicine in South China. Zia was also acting for him in the opium medicine business.

In reply to other questions, Bluhm said that when he first came to South China he intended to use his own name in his oil business, and intended registering the cable address of "Bluhm-moil." But after he discussed the matter with Khan Sahib Mali Khan who was interested in the business, they decided to style the business the "Indo-China Oil Company" and he registered the cable address of "Khan Sahib" with Mali Khan's consent.

"Rich Chinese Friends." Bluhm said that his oil business in Canton was to go under the name of "May Kung." He added that his arrest prevented his agreement with Mali Khan going through. The May Kung Oil Co., Bluhm said, was never started, and he was proceeding to explain why when Mr. King produced a letter signed by S. K. Tall, who was styled managing director of the Company.

In this letter, which was dated October 14, Tall said that he was waiting to get samples from Bluhm. The letter also contained the information that Tall was able to get all the cargo sold before its arrival in Canton if he had samples to show. Tall also told Bluhm that he had rich Chinese friends, and one of them was prepared to take up the "compradore" ship of the company, and would put in \$20,000 ready cash.

Connected With ex-President. Mr. King inquired if this man Tall was a doctor, and Bluhm agreed. He said Tall was formerly connected with the late Yuan Shih-kai, the first President of China.

Proceeding to give his explanation as to why the May Kung Oil Co., was never started, Bluhm said that Tall came to Hong Kong, and after a discussion with Khan Sahib Mali Khan, it was decided to merge together and form the "Indo-China Oil Co." Tall was to have been the representative of the Company in Canton. Bluhm agreed, however, that in his draft agreement with Mali Khan no mention of Tall was made. This agreement was drafted on October 2, and the discussion between Tall and Mali Khan took place after the agreement with Mali Khan was drafted.

Shorthand Notes. Questioned with regard to Mr. Haynes's shorthand notes on a post card about an alleged telephone conversation with Christie, Bluhm said that he called Mr. Haynes up that same day to make an appointment. Giving his personal opinion, Bluhm said that he did not believe they were made at the telephone. He said that if Mr. Haynes could lie in the witness box once by attributing to him (Bluhm) a statement containing the word "cautious" which he (Bluhm) did not know the meaning of and had never heard before, Haynes could lie again about the post card.

Replying to Mr. King, Bluhm said that he could not say whether or not in the English language the word "grafter" was more uncommon than "cautious." He had heard "grafter" used in Shanghai, and therefore he knew the word. In his opinion "grafter" meant an honest clever business man, and that was the meaning he wished to convey when he used the word in his letters to Christie in reference to a man whom he met in Swatow.

"Bluhm Embarrassed." Reading the letter, Mr. King asked if "grafter" meant an honest clever business man, why did Bluhm write in the very next sentence "he pretends to be an honest man."

Bluhm replied that when he wrote the word "pretends" he wished to convey the meaning that he thought the man was honest.

Mr. King asked the meaning of the sentence "but I very quickly found out who he is" and its relation to the construction Bluhm had placed on the other two sentences.

Bluhm made no reply.

Mr. King did not press the point, but asked the Magistrate to note that Bluhm was obviously embarrassed.

MEDALS & 'CIVVIES'.

DESPATCH FROM SECRETARY OF STATE.

ARMISTICE DAY REPORT.

Occasions when war medals may be appropriately worn with civilian clothes are referred to in a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Hong Kong Government.

This despatch reads as follows:—

Downing Street, 1927.
Sir,—With reference to my telegram of the 12th of October, I have the honour to inform you that a Ceremony was held at the Cenotaph on the 11th of November, the Anniversary of Armistice Day, on the lines adopted in previous years.

2. His Majesty the King, accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, took part in the Ceremony and laid wreaths on the Cenotaph.

Wreaths were also laid on behalf of all parts of the Empire. I had the privilege of laying a wreath on behalf of the Governments and peoples of the Colonies and Protectorates.

3. The expenses incurred in the purchase of the wreath, including the contribution to Earl Haig's Fund for Distressed Ex-Service Men, will be apportioned as on the last occasion.

4. In view of the difficulties which arose last year in regard to the wearing of medals on Armistice Day, the following statement on the subject was made in a communique issued by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

"At all ceremonies arranged to mark the anniversary of Armistice Day, war medals and decorations may appropriately be worn with civilian dress by all ex-officers and ex-service men, members of the Nursing Services and other women to whom they have been awarded, while the holders of war medals and decorations have full permission to wear such medals and decorations on the right breast."

I have, &c.,
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OLD GOVERNMENT SERVANT RETIRES.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S PRAISE.

Seventy-one years of age, Im Mi, the head messenger of the Supreme Court said farewell to the Chief Justice and other officers on Saturday, when retiring after 28 years' service in the Hong Kong Government.

Im Mi receives a pension, he was the recipient of a handsome cheque from members of the Law Society, and a presentation was also made to him by the Judges, Registrars, officers and staff of the Court.

The Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood), Mr. H. A. Nisbet, Mr. C. D. Melbourne and others were present in the Chief Justice's chambers when Sir Henry Gollan congratulated Im Mi on his fine record and wished him many years of enjoyment in the country where he will be with his family.

The Chief Justice's words were interpreted by Mr. Dodd after which those present shook hands with Im Mi.

CHAT ON CHINA.

LADY HOSIE TALKS AT NORWICH.

An interesting chat on China was given by Lady Hosie, widow of Sir Alexander Hosie (who was Consul-General at China and Commercial Attache at Peking), at a recent luncheon of the Norwich Rotary Club.

People in England sometimes asked, she said, "What does it matter to us what happens in China?" Such comment was nonsensical. Let it be remembered that from China we received, among other things, eggs, lard, wood oil for paints, and the soy bean, which yielded oil for oil cake for cattle, gutta-percha, oil for lin-

CONGRATULATIONS.

JAPANESE EMPEROR'S BROTHER.

ENGAGEMENT CONFIRMED.

Tokyo, Saturday. The report that Prince Chichibu, the Emperor of Japan's brother, has become engaged to Miss Setau, the daughter of Mr. T. Matsudaira, the Japanese Ambassador at Washington, has been confirmed.—Reuter.

Ambassador's Daughter Weds. Tokyo, Saturday. Prince Chichibu, Princess Higashi Fushima, and the Emperor (Baron Tanaka), were amongst the many prominent personages who attended the wedding breakfast following the wedding of Elizabeth, daughter of the British Ambassador, to Captain Gwyn, 14th Punjab.

Toward the end of the religious service, which was held according to Roman rites, the Apostolic Delegate who conducted the ceremony, read a cable conveying His Holiness the Pope's blessing on the newly married couple.—Reuter.

7. HOUR DAY.

TEXTILE ENTERPRISES AT MOSCOW.

Moscow, Saturday. The Government commission has decided to enforce a seven-hour day in fifteen big textile enterprises, thereby absorbing 17,000 more workmen.—Reuter.

SUBMARINE'S FATE.

FOUR MORE BODIES RECOVERED.

Boston, Saturday. Four more bodies of the victims have been recovered.—Reuter's American Service.

ORIENT VISITORS.

AT THE EASTERN WELCOME CLUB.

DINNER AND CONCERT.

On November 29 the Eastern Welcome Club held their usual November dinner and concert. The President, Mr. James Whitby, occupied the chair. He was supported by some sixty members, and there were over thirty visitors either from the Far East or intimately associated with that field.

The toast of the visitors was proposed by the President, but owing to the length of the musical programme only three were invited to respond. Mr. Svensson, a young Norwegian, confounded the company by opening up in his own language, and to the amusement and astonishment of everybody continued his speech in perfect English. Mr. Davis, from Medan, Sumatra, also spoke, and gave a very interesting review of the past year's trading results in his particular part of the world.

Mr. Hubert Mayhew, as an old friend, had the pleasure of proposing the health of the President, and gave a splendid address. Mr. Matthew Melke, another old friend, added a few words in support of all that Mr. Mayhew had said. The President, having briefly replied and thanked the members for having helped to make his year of office not only pleasant, but successful, the musical programme was proceeded with under the direction of Mr. Cyril Weller. Mr. Thorpe Bates had to give several encores before the company would release him; Mr. Ernest Hastings, at the piano, told how to furnish at Woolworth's; Mr. Claud Chandler gave some of his conjuring tricks and songs. By special request Mr. Jim Bailey told a few Lancashire tales.

The Club's annual dinner takes place on Chinese New Year's Day, January 23, at Pagan's Restaurant.

This sounds more canine than human.—"Punch."

Each was the most human of all composers.... His name is pronounced Bark.—Weekly Paper.

English people think that opera consists of Wagner and Puccini. It doesn't.—Sir Thomas Beecham.

Handel's "Messiah" was given in the Cathedral to-day.... This beautiful oratorio was nicely presented.—Hereford Paper.

'As Vester' was from Lutmor Hill, composed by Thos. Walker—one of Walker's finest efforts in praise of Elizabeth.—Dublin Paper.

It was Chopin who gave to the world the soul of the night. He was a comet that passed across the face of the musical sky to blaze a way to glory. His name is pronounced Show-bang.—Weekly Paper.



LITTLE PRINCESS JOSEPHINE HAS HER FIRST PICTURE TAKEN

The new-born Princess Josephine Charlotte, daughter of Crown Prince Leopold, of Belgium, and Princess Astrid, in the arms of her royal parent, Leopold. The picture was taken by Queen Elizabeth, of Belgium.

COLOSSAL STATUE.

BUDDHA TO BE ERECTED IN MATARA.

KING OF SIAM INVITED.

Matara, Dec. 19. Gate Mudaliyar Harry O. Jayawardena, of Giruwa Pattu, Mudaliyar W. A. Amarasekara, of the Four Gravets, Matara, Mudaliyar A. C. Gunatilleke, and Mr. George Weeraratne have invited the King of Siam to Ceylon for the purpose of laying the foundation of a colossal statue of Buddha, 132 feet in height, to be erected at the premises of Purwarama temple at Vepera-hena within the Four Gravets of Matara. This will be the largest image of Buddha in the island. The pedestal is being erected and contains a large vault to be painted in gold as a repository for relics and other valuable offerings. The estimated cost of the whole structure is about a lakh of rupees to be raised by public subscription. The Committee is hopeful of the acceptance of the invitation by the Siamese King and elaborate preparations will be made to give His Majesty a fitting welcome.

In this connection it may be mentioned that it is expected that His Majesty will visit Ceylon for the purpose of laying the foundation of the new Dalada Maligawa in Kandy.—"Times of Ceylon."

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leum, margarine, lamp oil, and printing ink. Though China was as big as Europe and had a larger population than Europe, she had only 7,000 miles of railway. That was a great handicap to her. In spite of all the warfare and chaos that had been going on in her midst, China was progressing; in fact, nothing could stop her going forward. Japan was her chief problem. The trouble was that Japan had no coal or iron of her own, and depended absolutely on China for them. Great friction arose out of this position. Over a million Japanese lived in China, and they very much complicated the political situation.

Lady Hosie had with her some interesting specimens bearing on the development of ladies' shoe-craft, and hinted at the opportunity that presented itself to local boot and shoe manufacturers for a new export trade. Seven years ago, she said, there was not a single ladies' shoe shop in China, but now leather shoes were in demand, and many of the principal cities had shops for the sale of such footwear. In former days, when footbinding in China was universal among females, the women made their own little shoes.

The extraordinary disparity between the size of the original form of shoe and that coming into use to-day caused great surprise.

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THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Hal Yang (1,363) British, from Singapore.—Lee Fat Co.—652 passengers, 380 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Cheong Shing (1,256) British, from Canton.—Jardine's—5 tons general cargo (through).
Kwai Sang (1,435) British, from Canton.—Jardine's—250 tons general cargo (through).
Szechuen (1,594) British, from Canton.—B. & S.—400 tons general cargo (through).
Hiram (1,109) Norwegian, from Bangkok, Holbow.—Thorsen & Co.—3 passengers, 2,000 tons general cargo (through).
Vestland (1,139) Norwegian, from Samarinda.—K. Larsen & Co.—1,900 tons coal for Hong Kong.
Lushan Maru (1,507) Japanese, from Swatow.—N.Y.K.—100 passengers, 21 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 741 tons general (through).
Lushan Maru (1,507) Japanese, from Canton.—N.Y.K.—41 passengers, 32 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 19 tons general (through).
Hwan Cheng (1,628) Chinese, from Saigon.—Yuen Seng Fat—3,200 tons salt for Hong Kong.

Departures.
For Canton.—Sunning, Hupeh.
For Hoihow.—Linan, Dorry.
For Singapore.—Norviken, Aitai Maru.
For Pakhoi.—Limchow.
For Swatow.—Kwang Chow.
For K. C. Wan.—Song Bo.
For Autau.—Tak King.

Clearances.
For Shanghai.—Szechuen.
Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	In
British	8	10	25
Japanese	6	5	9
Norwegian	4	2	10
Chinese	4	6	16
Danish	0	1	0
Dutch	1	0	0
French	1	5	1
German	2	2	0
American	0	1	1
Mexican	0	0	1
Panama	0	0	1
Portuguese	0	0	3
	25	32	72

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" left Shanghai for this port on January 7 at noon with the Mail, and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The M.V. "Dahli" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Rotterdam on December 6 and is due here on or about January 13.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 31, and is due here on January 19.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. A. J. Halley, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 25.

MORE SHIPPING.

INCREASE IN BUILDING TOTALS.

MOTOR VESSELS FAVOURED.

Lloyds shipbuilding returns for the quarter ended December 31 show the world-wide improvement in shipbuilding, the world figures being 3,118,721 tons.

The figures for Britain and Ireland are double those of December, 1926, namely 1,579,713 tons is now being built, of which over 200,000 will be registered in the Dominions.

Germany is building 472,295 tons and Italy, Holland, France and Sweden over 100,000 tons each, but in no country is the tonnage commenced during the quarter sufficient to replace tonnage launched.

A remarkable increase in tanked construction represents nearly 24 per cent. of the total world tonnage under construction. Shipowners are favouring more and more motorships, which represent 41 per cent. of the total being built in Britain and Ireland and over 62 per cent. of the total tonnage abroad.—Reuter.

WHO'S WHO.

PROMINENT PEOPLE ON S.S. "PRESIDENT JEFFERSON."

Included amongst the passengers by the s.s. "President Jefferson" from Manila were the following:—
General G. A. L. Dumont, Military attaché of the French Consulate at Washington, D.C. He has been in Manila as the guest of the U.S. Army.

Mr. C. Potter, consulting mining engineer, embarking on his 90th trip across the Pacific Ocean.
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Link. Mr. Link is representative of the Dodge Brothers Motor Co. of Sydney, Australia. He and his wife are on their way home on leave and business.

Mr. Dean Hellis, jun., son of the manager of Spencer Kellogg, of Manila, is on his way home on leave to the States. Mr. Hellis has a very responsible position with his firm, and will probably look into business conditions whilst in the United States.

Mr. D. E. Clancy, Divisional Superintendent of Schools of the Province of Bulacan, P.I., which is noted for the manufacture of the famous Bulacan hats.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. "President Jefferson" from Manila:—
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DEPARTURES.

Passengers who embarked on the P. & O. s.s. "Morea" at Hong Kong for Singapore and London via ports, sailed January 7, were:—

Messrs. H. J. Baker, A. Banks, Mrs. L. W. and Miss R. Braithwaite, Messrs. Bridges, S. F. Broadhead, C. W. Brook, D. Browne, G. W. Burnet, T. Carson, Mrs. J. D. Chapple, Messrs. C. E. Clayton, A. E. Daines, E. A. Dann, A. Errige, Miss C. Ferguson, Mrs. M. Field, Hook, Lady V. Fielding, Mr. E. Flaherty, Mrs. D. M. Fletcher, Messrs. Fong Wing-poy, V. W. Fremantle, Fung On, W. G. Gorrard, J. Goldard, B. L. Goodacre, A. Hickman, G. E. Hillman, Miss E. C. Horder, Messrs. H. Houchen, J. Howard, A. J. Johnson, P. G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Laddra, Mr. W. H. and Miss Loft, Messrs. R. Mildon, G. B. Milne, A. D. Mitchell, A. R. C. Moltan, Miss N. S. Monaghan, Capt. and Mrs. E. W. Morris, Mrs. C. B. Mullen, Messrs. R. S. Neale, P. J. O'Neill, Ong Hock-leong, W. Peach, G. H. Pears, J. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Petre, Mr. F. T. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Powell, Messrs. A. C. Pullen, H. H. Scott, Sizmur, Mrs. D. C. Miss and Masters Speirs, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sum, Messrs. G. N. Syme, J. Tait, Thami, Kicheng, T. N. Turrell, and Mrs. E. S. Wilson.

INSURANCE INACCURACIES.

Commenting on a recent case in which a motorist sought to recover damages from a firm of underwriters and failed owing to an inaccuracy in his proposed form, "The Light Car and Cyclecar" says: "A really good insurance company will, no doubt, not take advantage of small accidental inaccuracies made in filling up insurance forms. Motorists must bear in mind, however, that companies of somewhat less repute may make use of such an inaccuracy for the purpose of trying to annul the policy. When a claim is contested—even if the policyholder wins the case when it comes to court—he is put to a great deal of expense, trouble and delay in getting his money; or again, he may be well advised to settle for a lesser sum than is really due in order to avoid litigation. To make certain that he will be covered by his policy if an accident should occur, the wise owner will see to it that no opportunity is given to the insurance to raise any technical point in order to evade its liabilities.

DISAPPEARING MILESTONES.

Milestones, it appears, will soon only be in museums, says "Carbon" in "Motor Cycling." Already they are becoming very scarce in many parts of the country, and can see no indication either that new "stones" are replacing those which Father Time has destroyed or that any are being erected along the new arterial roads. A great deal of the romance of road-faring will pass with the milestones. They have seen the birth, the heyday, and the last wheezing journeys of many a fine machine; they have been immortalised by Dickens and the fine old story of Dick Whittington; and surely, there is not one in existence that has not figured—if only as a silent looker-on—in many a way-side drama which could have commanded an audience of thousands.

One deplored the advent of the cast-iron monstrosities which replaced so many of the fine old moss-grown, granite blocks that served our grandfathers so well—and now, with the advancing years, the embarks upon an obituary to them. Well, well!

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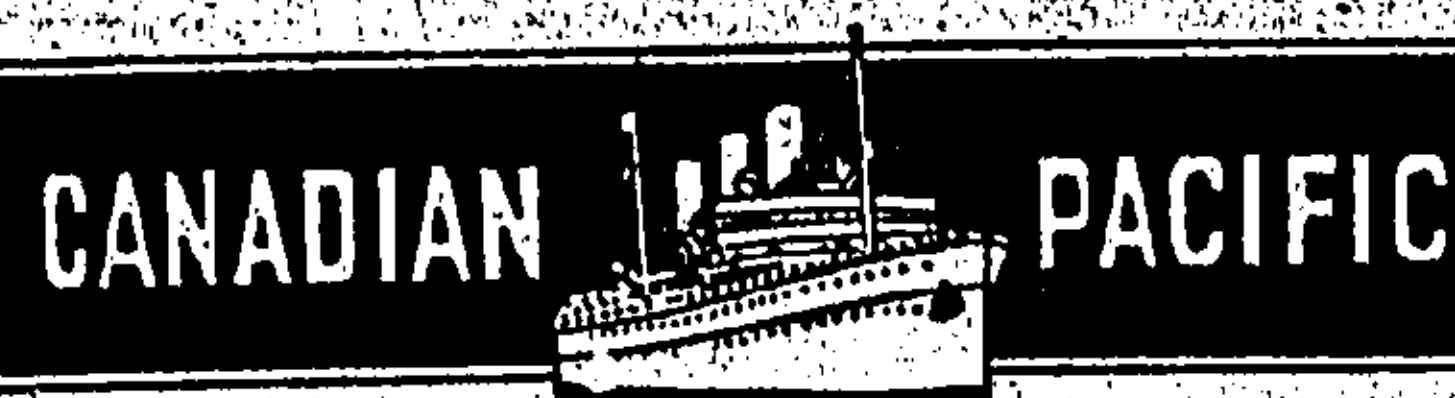
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CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU Tuesday, 24th January.
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TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 31st January, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
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JAPAN PORTS
AMAZON MARU Saturday, 14th January.
INDO MARU Sunday, 15th January.
BINGO MARU Tuesday, 24th January.
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MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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MOREA	10,953	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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As with breaking a strand of wire, the continuous bending of the walls of a tyre weakens the fibres. Have you ever noticed the flat or belly of an under-inflated tyre just below the hub? Every time the wheel revolves once, every inch of the tyre will have been flattened out or bent, and then straightened again.

It can be figured that when a 32-inch tyre is driven 100 miles under-inflated, the fabric has been bent 63,000 times.

Is it any wonder that a tyre so used will eventually not be able to hold the air which has been pumped into it to a pressure of 30 lbs. per square inch? Probably a tyre which has been so misused for a long time will blow out when it is finally inflated to its proper capacity. Many owners will blame the manufacturer for that. In their ignorance of the harm they have done by running the car on a too-low tyre pressure, they will remember only that the tyre blew out when fully inflated, and so insist that it was due to a defect.

The smallest cut in the rubber tread should be plugged up, otherwise and will get in and tear the rubber from the fabric, and water will then rot the fabric.

Edges of the rims should be kept free from rust and dirt, or they will cut into the tyre, resulting in what is known as a rim cut. Never run even the shortest distance on a flat tyre, or you will surely ruin the tread and possibly bend the rim.

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There is a similar happening when a car is backed against a kerb badly. When tyres hit the square corner of the kerb, they dent almost to the rim, and their elasticity pushes the car forward again.

Improper adjustment of the brakes is the cause of much tyre trouble and of dangerous skidding. When brakes are adjusted, both rear wheels should be locked up, and the holding power tested by hand. The adjustment should be such that each wheel will give an equal resistance.

If this is not done when the brakes are applied, only one wheel will lock, but not having enough grip on the ground to stop the car, it will slide along, and in doing so, leave some of its rubber behind. And the car will skid even on a dry road. On a wet road the skid will be dangerous.

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Mr. D. T. Lewis, manager of the Borneo Co., Singapore, who is on home leave, is at present in Switzerland on medical advice. He expects to return to Singapore in March.

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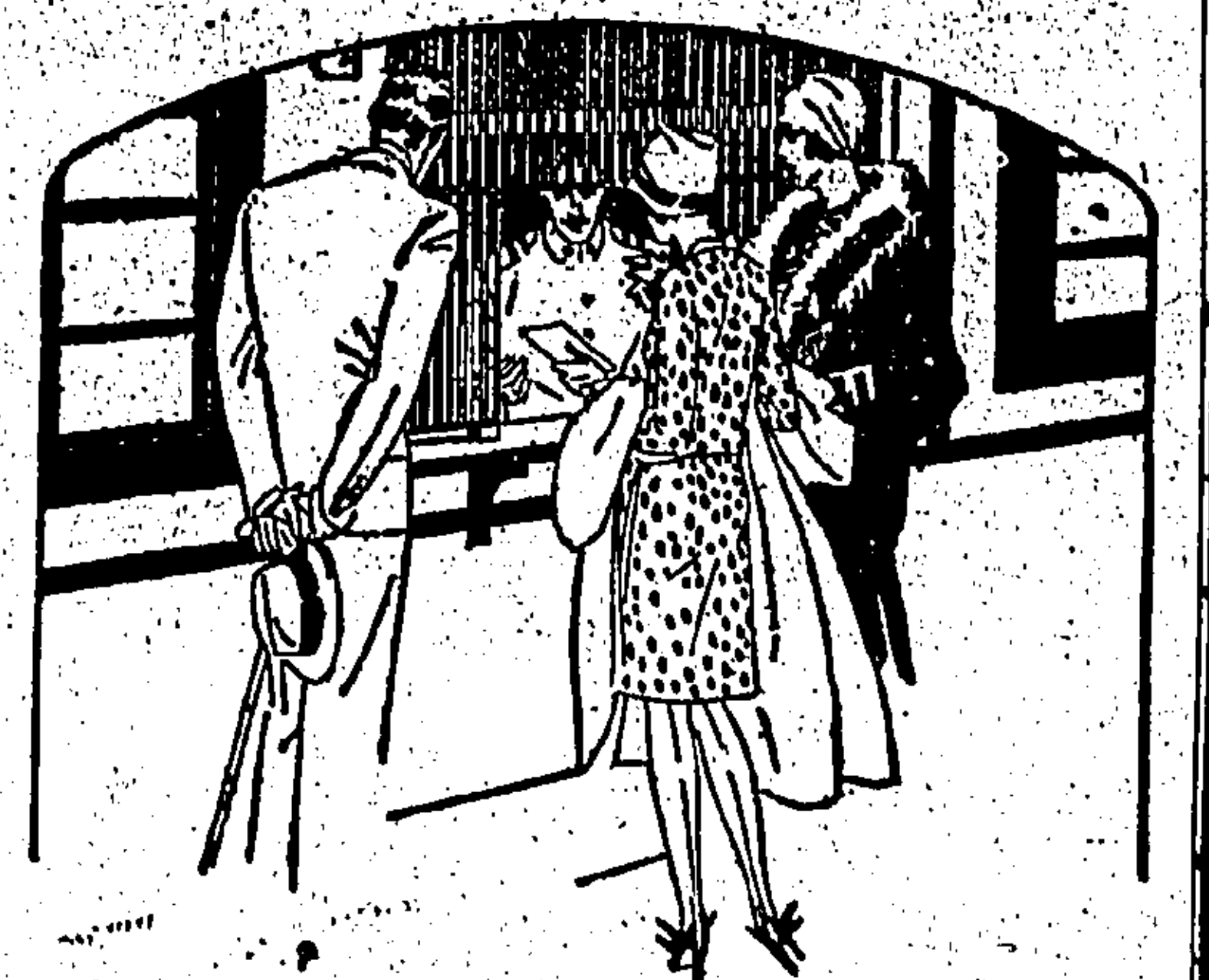
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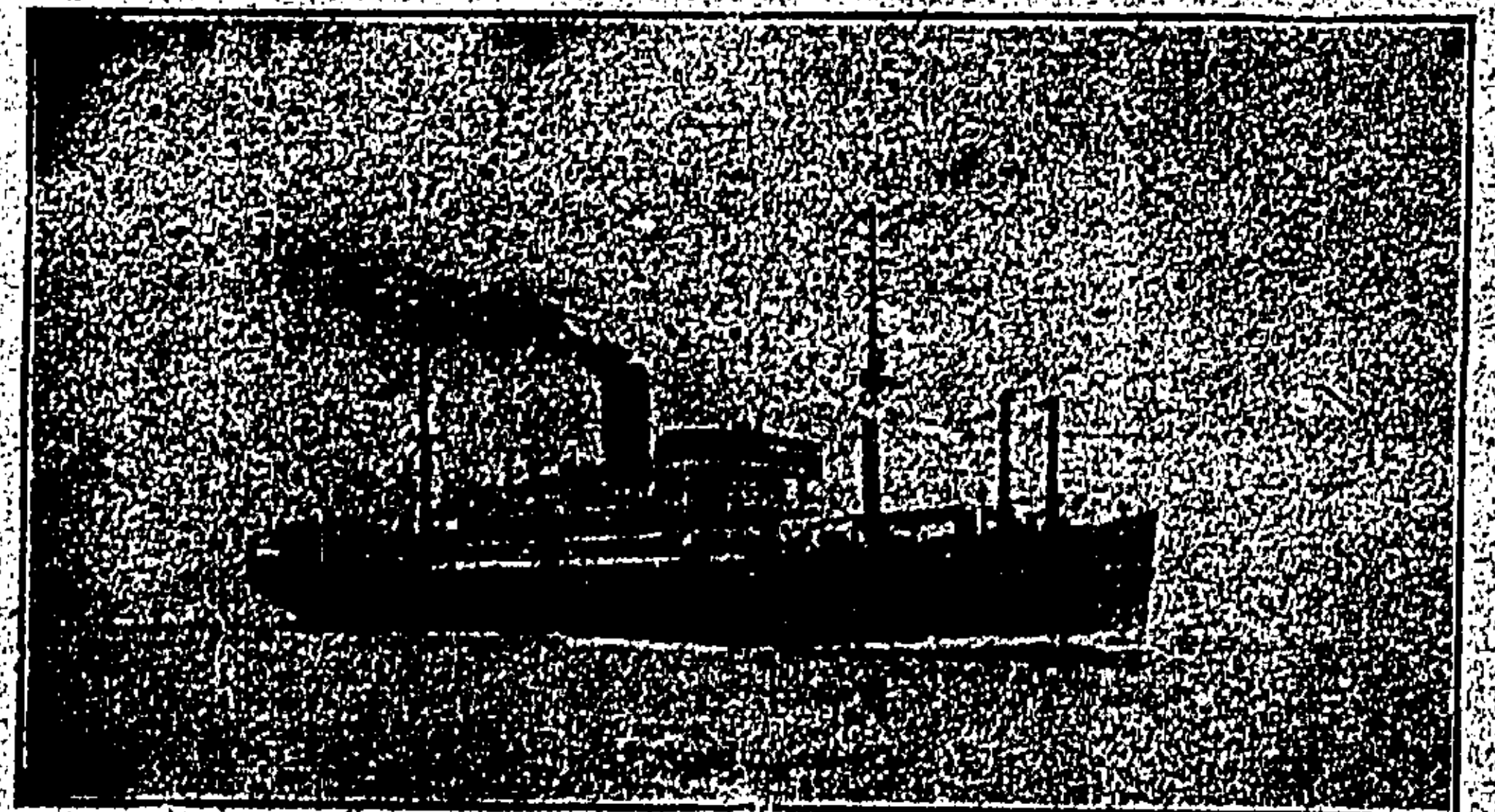
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A GREAT VINDICATION.

Whether views may have been held at one time amongst a certain class of people both at Home and overseas in regard to the despatch of the Shanghai Defence Force, time has amply demonstrated their presence in China. Hong Kong has naturally seen quite a lot of these defence battalions, and the prolonged stay of some of them undoubtedly exercised a tremendous moral effect on the native populace here at a time when both Shanghai and Canton were seething with excitement. In Shanghai itself the value of the presence of the British Defence Force will probably never be known. It certainly can never be assessed in the mere language of pounds, shillings, and pence, nor yet from the angle of its ultimate cost to the British Exchequer.

In two speeches delivered over the week-end, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the British Prime Minister, uttered another great vindication of the Shanghai Defence Force—a vindication that was at the same time a striking defence of British policy in China in relation to the vital necessity for protecting the lives of British subjects. He stated in the most forceful language possible that the presence of the Defence Force had possibly saved the lives of thousands of white people in China. That is not the language of exaggeration, as those foreigners who have resided in Shanghai and its environs know full well—and what is more, have most sincerely appreciated. On more than one occasion was there an acute danger of the entire Settlement of Shanghai being overrun by hordes

of victorious and vanquished Chinese troops, and if they had been permitted to gain control the episodes associated with the Indian Mutiny and the Boxer Riots would have paled into insignificance, appalling as these were.

It was only to be expected that the British Prime Minister should have given expression to the statement that the Government hoped to withdraw the Shanghai Defence Force as soon as circumstances permitted. But he went further. He declared most emphatically that the Force would never be withdrawn so long as the danger to British subjects in China existed. That statement will be sincerely applauded by all foreigners wherever stationed in China, for it is not British alone who have been and are being protected but all the nationals of other foreign Powers as well.

And far from regarding the continued presence of the British troops in Shanghai as unwelcome or distasteful, the best Chinese elements must be grateful for British action as constituting the best possible insurance against violence on the part of licensed and unlicensed Chinese soldiery and on the part of infuriated mobs led by Reds and other extremists involving China in a grave crisis with Great Britain. To ensure the early withdrawal of the Defence Force the Chinese warring factions, individually and collectively, have only to ensure, in spite of the continuance of the civil wars, that foreigners shall be given protection equal to that afforded to Chinese in civilised countries. That is, after all, a very simple yet natural requirement!

"..... In Default of Payment."

In a minor way the wording on some Government forms is apt to irritate. Of course, the Hong Kong public does not have to wrestle with the awe-inspiring income tax notices that folks at Home have to contend with periodically. Still, we have some which cannot have been submitted to the "China Mail" for consideration begins:—"I have to call upon you to pay... within 14 days...." and goes on to threaten:—"..... to stop the supply in default of payment." Perhaps there may be excellent reasons for stopping credit in a fortnight, but the question we ask is whether the wording can be improved upon. We emphasised "in a minor way" in the opening paragraph. A major cause of irritation lies in the procedure. On the third day of the year, a household is asked by the Water Authority to pay "meter rental 1928." Writing as laymen and with no pretence to knowledge of intricate accounting or water distribution, we say

that it seems unfair—probably not unjust—to make the occupant of a house pay in advance for something which he may not use in full, or which he knows he will not be able to enjoy to the full. With a gun, literally, pointed at one's head, the only way out is to pay. But does an outgoing householder have any recourse? Or can a man who has booked passage to go on leave in the spring write back and say that he would rather pay for a quarter and not a year as he knows he will not be here? The matter of responsibility also arises. It is plain sailing if the owner pays rent and taxes but it is different if there are several tenants during a year. To us, it would seem, the best thing to do will be to ask the landlord to pay for meter rent, the tenant to pay for excess consumption, and the former to pass on the charge in his rental. But, as we hinted, there are others who know more about these matters and they should be able to find a better solution.

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INDUCTION OF REV. ALFRED SWANN.

YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY.

In the presence of a large congregation, the induction of the Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A., D.S.C., (formerly Vicar of Liversedge), the new Dean of Hong Kong, as Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, took place at the Cathedral during Matins yesterday morning.

This was the first induction in St. John's Cathedral for fifteen years, during which time the Rev. H. Copley Moyle has been Chaplain of the Cathedral. Mr. Moyle arrived in Hong Kong in 1912, and retired last week.

The Rev. W. R. Cannell read the first Lesson from Isaiah VI, 1-8, after which the induction service was performed by the Bishop of Victoria, the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, assisted by the Rev. Cannell, who has been acting Chaplain, and the Rev. N. V. Halward, the Bishop's Chaplain.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy presented the new Cathedral Chaplain, as Chairman of the Church Body. He was accompanied by Mr. T. H. King, Lieut.-Col. F. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., Mr. C. Blaker, Mr. W. Jackson and others.

Installation.
After the presentation came the declarations and Oaths, their subscription, etc., following which the Bishop handed to the Rev. Swann his Licence. This was followed by the pronouncement of a Blessing.

A procession was then formed and it visited the Font, the Prayer Desk, the Lectern, the Pulpit and the Lord's Table, the customary exhortations being made at each place by the Rev. Cannell and His Lordship.

Then the installation of the new Chaplain in his stall took place. After this the Te Deum was said, followed by the second Lesson from St. John, 1:28-29, which was read by the new Chaplain, who also took the prayers.

The institution and installation of the Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A., D.S.C., as Dean of St. John's Cathedral and Archdeacon of Hong Kong, and the Rev. Mok Shau-tang, Incumbent of the Church of Our Saviour, Canton, as Archdeacon of Canton will take place at Evensong in St. John's Cathedral on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m.

A reception of welcome will be held at the Cathedral Hall on Thursday at 4.45 p.m., at which H.E. the Governor hopes to be present.

The Rev. A. Swann will preach his first sermon in Hong Kong at the Cathedral next Sunday morning.

SMUGGLERS CAUGHT.

HAUL OF 14,600 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

ONE MAN ARRESTED.

As the result of information received, the Police last night paid a surprise visit to the water front near the Naval Torpedo Basin beyond Lai-chikok. There they found a large quantity of contraband ammunition being smuggled ashore from a boat.

When the Police arrived, several people jumped into the harbour. The Police, however, succeeded in arresting one man.

Boxes of ammunition were found on shore, whilst others were discovered in the boat which the Police boarded. These were all seized, and when the ammunition was counted at the Police Station, the contents of the boxes were found to total 14,600 rounds.

Mr. R. K. Bell of the Kuala Lumpur Detective Department, who recently met with a motor accident when on his way to Klang, sustaining injury to his ribs, is much better.

H.E. the High Commissioner will speak at the opening of the new Methodist Boys' School building by Lady Clifford, at Kuala Lumpur. Bishop Lowe will preside, and an address will be given by the Hon. Dr. R. O. Winslet.

ERROR IN CONTRACT.

DISPUTE CONCERNING GREY SHIRTING.

LOSS OF PROFIT.

Messrs. Cherry and Co. were sued in the Summary Court this morning in regard to a contract for the supply by them of 15 bales of grey shirting to the firm of Wai Sun. Plaintiff asked for \$1,000 damages, waiving the right to any excess so as to bring the case within the jurisdiction of the Court.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for plaintiff and Mr. D. McCallum for defendants.

Mr. Russ said that on April 22, 1927, plaintiff entered into a contract with Cherry and Co. for the purchase of 15 bales of grey shirting, each containing 25 pieces, 38 inches by 78 yards, as per sample No. 4089 at \$7.10 per piece. Prompt shipment was asked for. The goods were never received. On May 4 plaintiff entered into a contract with a firm in Canton for the resale of these goods at \$9.80 a piece. The profit would be over \$1,000, which was the sum plaintiff was claiming, waiving any excess so as to bring the case within the jurisdiction of the Summary Court.

Never Received.
Plaintiff supported counsel's opening, saying he never received the goods from Cherry and Co. The contract with defendant was never received and he (plaintiff) always considered it one which could have been filled.

Cross-examined, witness said the price was reasonable at the time the contract was made. The goods were bought through a broker. It never occurred to plaintiff that mistake had been made in the contract. Part purchase price (\$2,500) was tendered to Cherry and Co. by an employee of the plaintiff firm on May 10.

Plaintiff admitted that on May 30 Cherry and Co. wrote pointing out an error in the contract, saying "I have also entered you to carefully study such unexpected mistakes and tender us your indulgence." But in what sort of business could this be done? He asked if the price had gone down wouldn't the defendants have forced him to take the goods at the contract price?

Plaintiff denied he knew at the time the second contract was made that the goods could not be delivered.

"E. and O. E."
Mr. Justice Wood asked if counsel overlooked the fact that the contract bore the letters "E. and O. E." If effect was given to the letters it would not be a contract.

It is "he said, a curious point. It is a new one on me!"
Mr. Russ pointed out that a contract could not be broken because it bore the letters "E. and O. E." That could be an impossible position. Chinese business men were expected to know the language in which a contract was written but not hieroglyphics.

A salesman of the firm in Canton who entered into the contract to purchase the shirtings from the plaintiffs gave evidence to the effect that the goods were never delivered.

Mr. Yumada, assistant-manager of Cherry & Co., said the contract was signed by the firm's managing proprietor. In reply to His Lordship he said the goods were not delivered as a mistake was discovered in the contract. This was pointed out by witness to plaintiff's representative, who said that the contract would have to be fulfilled. The figures "78 yards" had been typed in the contract instead of "88 yards."

Error Admitted.
Mr. McCallum said his client admitted there had been a mistake made in the typing of the contract and submitted that the plaintiff discovered this error before entering into the second contract with the firm in Canton.
Judgment was reserved.

"SAVE LIFE."

TRADING JUNK IN A SQUALL.

RESCUE BY A LAUNCH.

According to a report made to the Water Police by the coxswain of the steam launch "Kwongwan," whilst his launch was off the China Merchants' wharf at West Point at 1 o'clock this morning, those on board heard cries of "Save Life" coming from the vicinity of the wharf.

The launch proceeded to investigate, and found that trading junk No. T-4819-H was in difficulty, having hit the wharf during a squall. The launch took the junk in tow and proceeded toward town. As they were passing the Canton wharf, the junk began to sink, so her crew was taken on board the launch which proceeded to Tsim-shatsui.

Sir Elly Kadoorie and Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie left town on Dec. 8 for Paris and Marseilles on their way to Shanghai. They will not return to 6 Princes-gate before next June.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Some men are deer hunters and others are deer hunters.

He had attended his partner's wedding, and at the reception he stepped gallantly forward to pay his respects.

"I hardly feel like a stranger," he said, in his sweetest tones addressing the bride. "In fact I feel as though I ought to be well acquainted with my partner's wife, since he has so often done me the honour to read me extracts from his dear Susie's letters."

The faces of the husband and the speaker were studied as the bride drew herself up and said emphatically and distinctly—"I beg your pardon, sir, my name is Helen!"

Without waiting to be announced or even knocking at the door, the young man strode into the private office of the managing director. The business man looked up from his correspondence and inquired sharply—

"Well, what do you want?"
"I want a job, sir," answered the caller.

"Well, inquired the other, amused in spite of his indignation at the interruption, "what can you do?"

"Oh, anything, sir," was the ready answer.

"Anything, eh? And what is your motto for business life?"

"The same as yours, sir," said the young man.

"And what is that, may I ask?"

"The one on your door, sir—'Push'!"

Little Leslie was going to a party, and his mother gave him a few points about his table manners.

When her son returned she asked whether he had obeyed her instructions.

"Oh, yes," he replied proudly. "When they offered me a second piece of cake, I said:—'Take that beastly stuff away!—just the same as father does.'"

"I once knew a man," said Robinson, "who was so economical that he used to cover up his ink-bottle between each dip to prevent loss by evaporation."

"And I knew a man," said Robinson, "who stopped his clocks every night to prevent the works wearing while everybody was asleep."

Then up spoke Robinson—"I knew a man who was so mean that he gave up reading the newspapers in the free library in order to save his spectacles."

News having been received that an overhead tramway line had fallen into the crowded street, an inspector was ordered to go to the spot immediately. On arrival he found a crowd of people handling the loose wire in a most careless and dangerous manner.

Going up to the nearest man, he shouted:—

"You had no right to touch that wire. If the current had been on you would have been killed outright by the shock."

The fellow addressed looked at the inspector.

"Ah," he said, "but I was mighty careful. I felt it carefully before I took hold of it!"

"The following story was related many years ago by a Mrs. Edward Backhouse, of Darlington or Sunderland. Mrs. Backhouse's maiden name was Mounsey."

"They were on their honeymoon in the Lake District, and went one day for a row on one of the lakes, hiring a boat with two men."

"Getting into conversation with these men—they heard to their astonishment that one was named Backhouse, the other Mounsey!"

He had received an invitation to the wedding of a friend of his school days, but he did not feel inclined to go, for the simple reason that this friend had been married three times previously, and his present fiancée had also been married before. So he just wrote to his friend, the prospective bridegroom, and said that he did not feel up to the mark.

For three days he had no answer, and he was on the point of calling round to pacify his friend, when the postman brought him a letter.

"It contained another invitation, across the bottom of which his friend had scrawled—

"Can promise you won't be bored. Remember this is not an amateur performance."

Mrs. Jones found Mrs. Smith, wife of the aviator, in tears.

"What's the matter, my dear?" she asked anxiously.

"I'm worrying about Harold," said Mrs. Smith. "He took our cat up in his plane this morning. He said he would take her up 5,000ft. and drop her over the side."

"Well, what is there to worry about?"
"Lots. Harold isn't home yet, and the cat is—"

LINER ASHORE.

Mishap to "President Monroe."

PASSENGERS SAFE.

Attempts To Refloat Steamer Unsuccessful.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Dollar Line "President Monroe," while passing through the Inland Sea of Japan, bound for Shanghai, has run aground. Attempts to refloat her were unsuccessful but the passengers are all safe.

Further attempts to refloat the ship are being made this evening. —Reuter.

[Note: In the ordinary course of events, the "President Monroe" would have arrived here this Saturday. She is one of the Dollar Line's fleet of nine ships on the round-the-world service. The passenger list will not be available till the ship comes in, but it is anticipated that a number of travellers are for Hong Kong. The Dollar Line had received no information when the "China Mail" inquired this morning. After crossing the Pacific Ocean (westward), the liners call at Yokohama, whence they go into the Inland Sea to Kobe. From Kobe, the voyage continues through the Inland Sea and then across the China Sea to Shanghai.]

LOCAL WEDDING.

WAY-MCKENZIE CEREMONY ON SATURDAY.

RECEPTION AT SAVOY.

The marriage of Miss Lena Pearl McKenzie, daughter of the late Capt. J. D. McKenzie, of Manila and Mrs. McKenzie, Hong Kong, and Mr. Wm. Kenneth Way, son of the late Mr. James Way of Bendigo, Australia, and Mrs. Way, Hong Kong, was celebrated at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon. The bride was given away by Mr. John Lang and was attended by the Misses Rose White, Irene Rapp and Kathleen Rapp, as bridesmaids, and by the Misses Phyllis and Hazel Lang, as flower girls.

The first named bridesmaid's dress was of apple green taffeta and silver lace, with hat to match, she carried a posy of violets, and the two sisters wore dresses of pink georgette and satin, with hats to match, and carried roses. The flower girl looked very pretty in lemon satin frock, trimmed with swansdown, and carried tea roses. The bride's mother's dress was of black satin.

The Rev. N. V. Halward officiated, and the wedding music was played by Mr. F. Mason (the Cathedral Organist). Mr. George Kelly was "best man."

A large number of guests were present at the reception which followed at the Hotel Savoy, where the toast of the bride and bridegroom was given by Mr. Morris, of the Admiral Oriental Line. The bridegroom's present to the bridesmaids were gold curb bracelets, and to the flower girls gold brooches. Both bride and bridegroom were the recipients of numerous presents from a host of friends and well wishers.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Way left for Fanning, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's going away dress was of fawn, with coat and hat to match.

BRIGHT REVUES.

GLOBE TROTTERS' COMPANY SEASON.

OPENING TO-MORROW.

Local theatre goers will welcome the return of Dick Norton and his Globe Trotters who will begin their season at the Star Theatre to-morrow night with their cabaret programme, "Happy Moments." All the artists have been specially selected from theatres of England and are talented vocalists, musicians and dancers. Dick Norton is a host in himself and from recent reports from India, Burma and Malaya should be better than ever in his character roles and songs. Leo Brooker, besides being a comedian is a splendid dancer. Miss Lella Forbes is a clever comedienne and singer while Miss Daphne de Lisle is a leading dancer of the Company. Other members of the Company are the Misses Constance Garrett and Marion Hallwood, the former has an exceptionally fine soprano voice while the latter has been accompanied and entertained to "Dance Clara Butt." No one should miss seeing this splendid company who can be fully relied upon to uphold the splendid reputation which has come before them. "Happy Moments" will be followed by "Scenes and Screens," "Pleasureland" and "Incidents." Booking is now open at Messrs. Montrose and the Star Theatre at the popular prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

SERVANT'S CLAIM.

SUMMONSES MISTRESS FOR WAGES.

HATS AND RIBBONS.

Before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, Beatrice Gervais, a native of L'Union, Mauritius, summoned Madame Colline Vasser, living in Glenealy, claiming the payment of \$14 representing part of wages due to her.

Mr. D. L. Strellett, of Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton & Co., appeared for the defence. The complainant was not represented by a solicitor.

The complainant, who told the Magistrate that she had been employed for three years by the wife of a gentleman connected with Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., and about a month ago started working for Madame Vasser as a seamstress. She claimed that her wages were \$20 per month. Madame had advanced her \$5, and then dismissed her after she had worked for one month without paying her the balance of \$14 due to her.

Replying to Mr. Strellett, the complainant said that she could not remember when she entered Madame Vasser's employ. It might be on November 27.

A White Hat.

Mr. Strellett suggested that her wages were \$15 per month with free food, and complainant replied "maskee" and agreed to have the wages fixed at that figure, although she claimed that she understood her wages were to have been \$20 with free food.

Replying to further questions, the complainant agreed that Madame lent her the use of a room. On December 14 Madame went to her room and she was not there. She was sent for, and then Madame showed her a white straw hat and asked her where she got it from. It was an old hat, which Madame had ordered to be thrown away.

Mr. Strellett suggested that the hat in question was a new white felt hat which the complainant was wearing in Court.

Complainant denied this claiming the hat as her own property.

Further questioned, the complainant denied that she had offered to pay for the hat. Madame also showed her an embroidered tea cloth and asked her where she got that from. She explained that it has been washed and ironed by the amah and she had kept it in her room intending to hand it over to Madame later. She did not claim that it was her property.

Inventory Taken.

After that, on December 15, Madame said that she was going to take an inventory of the property in her room. She (complainant) did not know why this was done. The inventory was taken on December 18, and in addition to the hat and tea cloth, Madame said that four summer dresses and two silk scarves were missing. The witness undertook to look for them, and the following day she found them in the amah's room during the latter's absence. The things had been given by Madame to the amah to iron.

Mr. Strellett produced a blue dress all the trimmings on which had been removed, and complainant said that she was not responsible for that.

Summer Dresses.

Madame Vasser, in the witness box said that the hat the complainant was wearing was her property. It was found in the complainant's room. The complainant had removed the leather lining inside the hat and changed the ribbon. When taxed about the hat, complainant offered to pay for it. The tea cloth and some ribbon the complainant claimed as her property. The hat which was a new one and was worth \$7.50 the witness kept with other hats in a box in the attic. Then the witness made the inventory and found the summer dresses missing.

Only 19 Days.

Two of the dresses and the two scarves were afterwards brought to the witness by the complainant who claimed she had found them in the amah's room. The witness would not have missed the dresses and hats until the summer came.

Replying to Mr. Strellett, Madame Vasser denied that she had given the dresses to the amah to iron. As a matter of fact she forbade anyone touching them. The complainant's wages were \$15 per month. Witness had advanced her \$5 and this and the \$7.50 the value of the hat, amounted to more than what was due to the complainant who had worked for 19 days and not for one month as claimed.

The witness denied that she dismissed the complainant. She just told her that if the dresses were not returned she would have to go. During the witness's absence part of the missing property was returned, but the complainant never came back until she arrived with the police.

Tears.

Mr. Strellett argued that the Magistrate could find only one of two things, either the complainant had left of her own accord, in which case she had been overpaid,

THAMES DISASTER.

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Horses were used in the Westminster district to carry marooned people to safety. Firemen were engaged all night long pumping out water from the basements.

Restrictions of the electric railway services were caused by the partial flooding of the power house. The floods reached their height at two o'clock in the morning, after which the river began to recede.

The Death Roll.

The Thames death roll at the end of the morning was 20, namely, 15 in the Westminster area, two in Putney, two in Hammersmith, and one in Hurlingham. —Reuter.

BRUNT OF DISASTER.

Residents Aroused From Their Sleep.

Rugby, Saturday.

The London riverside districts from Hammersmith to Southend were flooded in the early hours of this morning by an abnormally high tide meeting the flood waters of the river.

High tide was due at 1.30 and about an hour before then the Thames began to overflow its banks into the low-lying areas in the City of Westminster, Southwark and Deptford. The tide was estimated to be six feet above normal.

The water made its way over the terrace of the Houses of Parliament and lawns surrounding the buildings, through the underground passages and out into Palace Yard and Parliament Square.

At Cleopatra's Needle, on the Embankment, the tide broke into the roadway and across it into the Temple Gardens, and other notable buildings reached included the Tate Gallery, Lots Road Power Station in Chelsea, Waterloo and Saint Thomas's Hospital, and Woolwich Arsenal, although it is believed that no great damage was done at any of these places.

It was in the flooded streets of thickly inhabited areas where the brunt of the disaster was felt, and at least nine people lost their lives and several others are still missing. People were asleep in houses in these streets when the danger became apparent. Policemen with the help of volunteers aroused the inhabitants, sometimes wading through water up to the waist to do so.

Many volunteers in evening dress gave great assistance and people from the flooded streets, often wrapped only in their night-clothes and blankets, were taken in private cars to hospitals and institutions. Policemen and others rode horses bareback through the water to take children from windows to safety.

Four Girls Drowned.

Casualties occurred among people sleeping in basements, and in one house, in Grosvenor Road, four girls of one family were drowned. Firemen and engines from all over London were rushed to the scene to engage in rescue work and pump the water from the basements. The sudden rush of water in many cases filled rooms to the ceilings.

About two o'clock the waters began to subside and hundreds of families who had left their houses were able to return. They speak of many gallant acts of firemen, police and helpers, including one woman who swam into a deep area, smashed a window and dragged one invalid and children from the basement.

The early morning Underground Railway Services were interfered with by water, but these were working normally before business hours to-day.

Floods were also experienced higher up the river at Richmond, Twickenham, and Kew, and at Strood, on the River Medway, which also overflowed its banks during the night. —British Wireless Service.

In spite of the fact that a servant leaving without notice was not entitled to wages, or if the complainant was dismissed there was sufficient "conduct" to warrant her not being paid at all.

The complainant at this point told the Court in tears that she actually went on her knees begging Madame not to send her away because she had two children to care for, but Madame said she must go. The Magistrate found that the complainant had been employed at \$15 per month. She had been working for 19 days and therefore \$9.50 was due to her. Out of this amount had to be deducted the \$5 which was advanced to her, leaving a balance of \$4.50 still due. An order was made for this amount to be paid to the complainant.

Replying to Mr. Strellett, Major Willson said that he would make no order about the hat.

A CROOK PLAY.

"CHEATING CHEATERS" AT THE QUEEN'S.

A story all about rogues is being told on the screen at the Queen's Theatre, though some of them appear to be nice rogues. Betty Compton, for instance, and Kenneth Harlan, seem altogether too genteel to be mixed up with rival gangs of crooks. Yet they are, and this provides the plot for "Cheating Cheaters," as the picture is called. It is quite a good production of its kind.

"Putting Pants on Phillip" is a Metro comedy in the same programme, and there is also a Felix cartoon, showing the popular feline taking a trip to the end of the rainbow. Signor Grovini, the musical director, has arranged a stirring overture, and the music accompaniment throughout is of a high order and helpful to a proper appreciation of the pictures.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE FIRE BRIGADE"

Thrilling Film Coming To Queen's.

"The Fire Brigade," a love story with a background of the most sensational fire thrills ever screened, is coming this week to the Queen's Theatre with May McAvoy and Charles Ray in the leading roles. According to a special advertisement in this issue, it will be screened from Thursday to Saturday. The distinguished cast includes Holmes Herbert, Tom O'Brien, Eugene Bessner, Warner P. Richmond, Bert Woodruff, Vivian Ogden, De Witt Jennings, Dan Mason and Erwin Connelly. There are many thrilling fire scenes in the picture, the wonderful realism achieved being due in large measure to the fact that trained firemen were employed. "The Fire Brigade" is also notable for some fine colour work.

GLOBE TROTTERS.

First Revue To-morrow Night.

To-morrow night at 9.15 Mr. Dick Norton's revue company of eleven artists opens its Kowloon season at the Star Theatre with "Happy Moments," an entertaining revue consisting of songs, dances and sketches that are all new to the Colony. "Happy Moments" will be repeated on Wednesday and will be followed by "Scenes and Screens" on Thursday and Friday, "Pleasureland" on Saturday and Sunday and "Incidents" on Monday and Tuesday. Booking is at Messrs. Montrose's and the Star Theatre at popular admission prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Nagasaki yesterday at 2 p.m. Left Nagasaki to-day at noon, and is due at Kobe to-morrow at noon.

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In the Event of Consignees not taking delivery of the undermentioned goods by the 23rd January, they will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION to defray cost of Storage, etc.

Ex Steamer	Marks	Packages	Date of Arrival
"Hector"	Bell Brand SCAR	8 bags S/Ammonia	23.8.27
"Teucer"	Mr. Percival Cheal E. P. Mission Hospital TAIWAN, FORMOSA, 1 picul	1 Parcel	19.4.26
"Hector"	BM	2 kegs Soda	10.11.26
"Antenor"	R 9409 & Co.	1 keg Paint	3.3.27
"Kt. Companion"	ML16 D S & Co.	1 box Tinplates	17.4.27
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"Change"	W S T	1 Bag	7.10.26
"do"	S C L	1 Case	7.10.26
"Taiping"	D P Saigon	1 Case	9.11.26
"Change"	B	1 Box	8.4.27

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Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "Cheating Cheaters." To-day — World Theatre; "Miss Bluebeard," at 5.15 and 9.20; "Nar Jar" (Chinese Film) at 2.30 & 7.15.

To-day — Tea Dance at Cafe Parisien, 5 to 6.30 p.m.

To-day — Star Theatre; "Tim Hare."

January 10 — Star Theatre; The Globe Trotters in "Happy Moments."

January 10-11 — Queen's Theatre; "Le Bohème."

January 10-11 — World Theatre; "A Thief in Paradise."

January 10-11 — Star Theatre; "The Rainmaker."

January 11 — Star Theatre; The Globe Trotters in "Happy Moments."

January 12-13 — Star Theatre; The Globe Trotters in "Scenes and Screens."

January 12 — Helena May Institute Concert, 5.30 p.m.

January 12-14 — Queen's Theatre; "The Fire Brigade."

January 12-14 — World Theatre; "The Taxi Dancer."

January 12-14 — Star Theatre; "Satan in Sabies."

January 14-15 — Star Theatre; The Globe Trotters in "Pleasureland."

January 16-17 — Star Theatre; The Globe Trotters in "Incidents."

Sports.

January 10 — Football: R.A.M.C. v. R.E. & R. Sigs. Sookumpoo, 4.15 p.m.

January 12 — Football: 12th H. Bty. v. 31st H. Bty. R.A. Sookumpoo, 4.15 p.m.

January 13 — Annual Billiard Championship of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

January 14 — Entries close for forthcoming Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.

January 21 — China New Year meeting (Fanning Hunt), Kwantai Race Course.

January 23 — American lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club at L.R.C.

Lammers' Auction.

January 10 — At Sales Room, Duddell Street, a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

January 13 — Annual meeting of St. David's Society, Prince's Building, 5.30 p.m.

January 27 — Annual meeting of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day — St. Peter's C. Y. M. Club's lecture, by Mr. J. D. Bush, on "The Spirit of America," 8.30 p.m.

January 10 — St. Peter's C.Y.M. Club dance in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.45 p.m.

January 12 — Institution of Rev. A. Swann as Dean of St. John's Cathedral and Archdeacon of Hong Kong and the Rev. Mole Shu-tang, as Archdeacon of Canton, at Evensong in St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

January 12 — Reception of welcome to the Rev. A. Swann, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 4.45 p.m.

January 13 — H.E. The Governor distributes prizes at Queen's College.

January 16 — Debate in St. Peter's Y.M. Club House, 8.30 p.m.

January 22 — Opening date of Photographic & Art Exhibition at Macao.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

London plays and the tendency
of the stage were subjects discussed
at a meeting of the Bishop of
London and the Lord Chamberlain.

Lady V. Fielding left Hong
Kong on Saturday, sailing on the
P. & O. s.s. "Mores" which is
bound for Home via Singapore.

The theft of a tin box contain-
ing \$2,850 in notes and \$100 in
small money was reported stolen
from No. 32, Tung Street during the
week-end.

A free fight in which eleven Chi-
nese took part at the West Point
Market last night, resulted in a
coolie being seriously injured. He
was removed to the Government
Civil Hospital.

At Sunday evening's public meet-
ing of the Hong Kong Lodge of the
Theosophical Society at Lane,
Crawford's reserved lounge, Mr.
John Russell gave an address on "A
Spiritual Awakening."

Becoming suddenly insane on
Saturday night, a Chinese carpenter
cut himself with a sharp knife,
sustaining seventeen wounds before
he was disarmed. He was taken to
the Government Civil Hospital.

The forthcoming marriage is an-
nounced of Mr. H. G. White, en-
gineer's draughtsman, of 3, Tan-
talan Terrace, Kowloon Dock, to
Miss G. L. Woolley, of the Vacuum
Oil Co., residing at 555, Nathan
Road.

Mr. G. Appelbaum, Mr. and Mrs.
W. Stanton Brown, Mr. L. H. C.
Calthrop, Mr. E. L. Harrison, Mrs.
Lawless and Colonel S. Thunders
were among the passengers who
landed at Hong Kong from the s.s.
"Mores" on arrival from the North.

Mr. Davies, the present Secretary
of the Sanitary Board is being
transferred to the post of Chief
Clerk of the Colonial Secretary's
Office, and Mr. J. Watson has
been appointed Secretary in his
place, and Mr. F. D. Angus as As-
sistant Secretary.

Yesterday morning's rain caused
a landslide on the Castle Peak
Road, between Castle Peak and
Chinwan. The fallen earth blocked
the road to traffic. Work of remov-
ing the obstruction was started
immediately, and it should not be
long before the road is re-opened.

Captain E. W. Morris, of the In-
dian Army Service Corps, and Mrs.
Morris, left for England on Sat-
urday, sailing on the "Mores." Cap-
tain Morris was an Interport
cricketer and golfer. He was one
of the "advance" officers sent to
Shanghai to prepare for the arrival
of the (British) Shanghai Defence
Force.

The annual congregation for the
conferring of degrees will be held
at the Hong Kong University to-
day, at 5 p.m. There will be the
customary procession, and speeches
by the Chancellor of the University
(H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.),
and the Vice-Chancellor (Mr. W. W.
Hornell, C.I.E.). Tea will be
served at 4 p.m.

Mr. Tang Shiu Kin has been
elected Chairman of the General
Committee of Tung Wah Hospital
with Mr. Lo Yin Nin and Mr. Ng
Wah as Vice-Chairmen. The Tung
Wah Hospital has a big extension
programme ahead of it. This year
it hopes to build an annex at So-
kumpoo at a cost of several hundred
thousand dollars.

The traditional celebration of
the Russian New Year, under the
auspices of the Union of Russian
Army and Navy men and the Rus-
sian Benevolent Society, will be
held on January 13 at the Majestic
Hotel. It is hoped that, as in
former years, this Ball will be a
complete success. A special ballet
performance will be given in ad-
dition to other attractions.

Pictures showing for the last
time to-day, besides "Cheating
Cheaters" and the Felix cartoon at
the Queen's, include "Miss Blue-
beard" at the 5.15 and 9.20 per-
formances in the World Theatre,
and "Tin Hats" at the Star Theatre.
"Miss Bluebeard" is a rollicking
farce with Bebe Daniels in the
leading role and "Tin Hats" is a
comedy of the Army of Occupation
presenting Claire Windsor and
Conrad Nagel.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The coun-
try is alive with interest in the
news of the engagement of Prince
Chichibu and Miss Setu and the
people are not slow to appreciate
the romantic element of the union
of a member of royalty and a com-
moner. Moreover, they suspect the
romance had its inception in
America. Miss Setu is still only
in her sixteenth year, and is
acknowledged to be one of the
most popular maidens in diplomatic
circles.

Miss Beswick and Miss Jennings,
both of the Church Missionary
Society's Victoria Home, Kowloon
City, were held up by three Chinese
highwaymen on Saturday night as
they were returning to the Home.
One of the robbers was armed with
a dagger. The three approached
the ladies from the opposite direc-
tion, and the man with the dagger
threatened them while the other
two attempted to relieve the ladies
of their valuables. The robbers
handed the ladies a watch, some
silver coins and other small articles
worth altogether about \$66. All
the three robbers succeeded in mak-
ing good their escape.

Mr. E. P. Welby, of Johore, is go-
ing on leave by the "Antenor."

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" from
Hong Kong arrived at Marseilles on
January 6, at 7 a.m.

The Crystal Palace trustees have
decided to ratify the contract made
with the Greyhound Racing Asso-
ciation to allow dog racing.

Lady Barton of Shanghai and the
Misses Barton were on the "Mores"
which passed through Hong Kong
during the week-end, bound for
Home.

"Mr. W. C. Gerrard, who has for
some years been Assistant Super-
intendent of Police in the New Ter-
ritories, sailed for Home by the
"Mores" on Saturday.

Two men were injured when a
6-wheeled lorry dashed down a
steep hill in Birmingham at 30
miles an hour and wrecked several
vehicles in its course.

Instruction to stop all carol
singing and playing until a week
before Christmas was given to the
police by the Leighton Buzzard,
Bedfordshire, magistrates.

A ton and a half of babies—529
—have been brought into the
world in this home during the past
year, said Mr. F. Prentice at the
annual meeting of the Ipswich
Nurses Home.

The command of the aircraft-carrier
"Hermes" changed hands on
Dec. 2. Captain Ralph Elliot, C.B.E.,
being succeeded by Captain Geoff-
rey Hopwood, C.B.E., from Chatham
Barracks. The "Hermes" is at-
tached to the Fleet in China, but
is at present at Chatham for refit
and recommissioning. She should
be out of dockyard hands on Jan.
10.



Lady Maud Carnegie, niece of
King George, who has started home
society by running a poultry farm
at Black, where her husband, Lord
Carnegie, is interested in dairy farm-
ing. Princess Maud, as she was
known before her marriage, is a
daughter of Princess Royal and the
late Duke of Fife.

Hong Kong passengers on the
"Mores" when she left Hong Kong
on Saturday for Singapore and
London via Suez included: Mr. T.
Carson, Mr. C. E. Clayton, Miss C.
Ferguson, Mr. B. Flaherty, Mr.
R. L. Goodacre, Mr. and Mrs. C. H.
R. L. Goodacre, Mr. and Mrs. C. H.
O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Powell,
Mr. H. H. Scott, Mrs. D. C. Spiers,
Mr. G. N. Syme, Mr. J. Tait and
Mrs. E. S. Wilson.

The attention of China Companies
is called to Section 278 (4) of the
Companies Ordinance, 1911, which
provides for the payment of an an-
nual fee at the rate of four cents
for each hundred dollars of paid
up capital by every China company
on or before the 31st day of
January in each year. The fee
should be paid in Mexican dollars
to the Registrar of Companies at
Shanghai. China companies whose
capital is expressed in taels or
sterling should convert their cap-
ital in computation of the above-
mentioned fee, into Mexican dollars
at the rates of exchange prevailing
on the day of payment and should
furnish the Registrar of Companies
at Shanghai with a memorandum
setting forth the rates of exchange
on which they base their computa-
tion.

In the Provisional Court before
Judge Chau and Mr. Burdett, Senior
Counsel's Deputy, Mr. Singh was the
plaintiff in an action to recover \$500
being money lent to one Char Tze-
kao. Dr. F. Wilhelm appeared for
the plaintiff. After the plaintiff
had produced the promissory note
and proved the debt, the defendant
said that he had borrowed the
money from another Sikh and did
not know the plaintiff in the matter.
His Honour gave judgment for the
amount claimed with costs. After
the conclusion of the case the de-
fendant was seen dragging the Sikh
who he had alleged to be the real
plaintiff in the case, through the
Court door. Dr. Wilhelm protested
and complained that such an action
was gross contempt of court. The
Judge agreed and sentenced the
defendant to five days' detention
for contempt of court, remarking
that such behaviour would not be
tolerated.

Lady Eardley-Wilmot, of Henley-
on-Thames, was awarded the prize
for the best cat in the National Cat
Club's show at the Crystal Palace.

There will be a lecture at the
Helena May on Monday, January
16, at 5.30 p.m. The subject is
"Fra Angelico," by Father Finn,
S. J.—Advt.

-Vevey, Jan. 8.—The chocolate
arms of Peter Caillier and Kohler
are negotiating for fusion with
Nestle on the basis of an exchange
of four Peter Caillier-Kohler shares
for one Nestle share.—Reuter.

The King has approved of the
following:—Mr. Katsujiro Tamaki,
as Consul-General of Japan at Singa-
pore; Mr. Sakujiro Kuhlhar, as
Consul of Japan at Bombay, and
Senor Don Eduardo Gallardo A., as
Consul of Chile at Hong Kong.

Mr. D. Hillary, who has been
promoted to the rank of Assistant
Commissioner of Police, is ex-
pected to return from leave.
It is understood that he will be
posted to Sungai Patani to relieve
Mr. E. Cheers, A.C.P., Central
Kedah, who is going on leave.

Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Nationalist
Minister of Justice, left Shanghai
for Marseilles aboard the M.M.S.
"Andre Lebon" on his way to The
Hague, where he will sit as Chinese
member on the Bench of the Inter-
national Court of Justice. Sir Wal-
ter Bartolet was a passenger on the
same steamer and he is on his way
to Saigon.

According to the "Osaka Mai-
nichi," negotiations are afoot for
athletic contests between France
and Japan to be held next autumn
in Dairen and at Tokyo or Kyoto
after the International Olympic
Games at Amsterdam. The French
delegation is expected to leave
Paris on September 1 and arrive at
Dairen, via Siberia, a fortnight
later.

The s.s. "Takasago Maru" coming
up-river took a sheer when off
Footscray Point and headed straight
for the Nanking Road jetty. At
one time it looked as though nothing
could prevent the vessel crash-
ing into the small craft lying off
The Bund, but she was brought to
a standstill and manoeuvred with-
out mishap and eventually proceed-
ed up-river.

Sixteen arrests have been made
by the Chinese authorities in con-
nection with the shooting affair in
Chapel when a Merchant Volunteer
was shot dead and many others,
including several other volunteers,
civilians and members of an armed
robber gang of about sixty, were
wounded, as the latter engaged
with the volunteer when he sought
to frustrate a robbery which they
attempted.

Complaints have been received by
the Stewards of the Shanghai
Paper Hunt Club of needless
damage to market-gardens and
crops by spectators, riders and
mafoos, at the start and finishes of
hunts. Cross-country riders and
spectators at hunts are requested to
do all in their power to prevent
the infliction of such damage upon
the country people, and to report
to the Stewards all such instances
as may come under their notice.

The firm of Joseph Travers and
Sons, which has a connection with
Malaya dating back to 1889, makes
the justifiable claim to be the oldest
house trading uninterruptedly in
the City of London. It is believed
to have been founded about the
year 1666, the date of the great fire
of London, and documentary
evidence goes back to 1709. It is
not generally known that Mr. Ben
Travers, the well-known author and
dramatist, once worked for the firm
in Singapore.

During the week-end, the Fire
Brigade received several calls but
the outbreaks were mostly chimney
fires, or in heaps of rubbish, and
were extinguished with little dif-
ficulty. In only one instance did the
fire threaten to assume a serious
aspect. This was an outbreak
among some rattan stored on the
verandah of a house in Wuhu
Street, Hunghom. The firemen
from the Kowloon Station were
early on the scene, and after a brisk
fight managed to save the building.

Major A.E. F. Perkins, M.C.,
R.E., will relieve Major P. W.
Justice O.B.E., R.A., as General
Staff Officer 2nd Grade at Fort
Canning. Major Perkins has had
a distinguished career in the Army.
He went to France with the original
Expeditionary Force, and was
wounded in the early stages of the
war. Afterwards he became a Bri-
gade Major in France, and later in
Germany with the Army of Occupa-
tion. It is understood that Major
Perkins is accompanied by his
wife.

Before Major C. Willson, on
Saturday, two Chinese were charged
with uttering forged tickets of the
Hong Kong Canton and Macao
Steamboat Company. Mr. F. E.
Nash prosecuted on behalf of Mr.
Wong Yau Kong, the complainant in
the case, and Mr. Horace Lo de-
fended one of the two Chinese. The
unrepresented defendant made a
statement to the effect that he pic-
ked up the tickets from a waste
paper basket in the shipping com-
pany's office and handed them to
Mr. Lo's client. On the application
of Mr. Nash, his Worship granted
a week's remand, for enabling the
police to make further enquiries.

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ENGLAND DEFEATS
WARATAHS.

18 POINTS TO 11.

Twickenham, Saturday.
In dull weather before 50,000 spectators England beat the New South Wales rugby team by 18 points to 11.—Reuter.

Waratahs' Tour Concludes.
Rugby, Yesterday.
In the Rugby football international match at Twickenham yesterday England beat New South Wales by 18 points to 11.

The Waratahs have thus concluded the international engagements of their tour with an even balance—victories over Ireland and Wales and defeats by Scotland and England. Of their 22 engagements they have won 22. They were beaten by Oxford and Pontypool, and the match with London was drawn.

The Duke of York witnessed yesterday's game, which attracted 50,000 spectators.—British Wireless Service.

BOBBY'S DECISION.

REFUSES GIFT OF \$50,000
HOUSE.

"IMPROPER."

New York, Yesterday.
Bobby Jones has formally renounced the gift of a \$50,000 house. He has issued a statement to the effect that he first intended to accept but upon reconsideration decided it would be improper.

The United States Golf Association recently decided that the acceptance of the gift would be no violation of the Association rule regarding amateur status.—Reuter's American Service.

100 MILES RUN.

S. AFRICAN BEATS OWN
RECORD.

London, Yesterday.
The South African, Arthur Newton, beat his own world's amateur record for one hundred miles, running from the village box near Bath to Hyde Park Corner, London, in 14 hours, 22 minutes, 10 seconds. His previous record, made in South Africa in 1927, was 14 hours 43 minutes.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM
SELECTED.

Melbourne, Yesterday.
As a result of trials at Melbourne it is practically certain that Australia's Davis Cup team will be: C. Patterson, J. Hawkes, J. Crawford and H. Hopman.—Reuter.

NEXT OLYMPIAD.

BRITISH BOXERS TO
PARTICIPATE.

London, Yesterday.
At a special general meeting of the London British Amateur Boxing Association it was decided to send a team to the next Olympiad.—Reuter.

ATHLETE'S DEATH.

"STAR" HURDLER AND
RUNNER.

Philadelphia, Saturday.
The death has occurred of Alvin Kranzlin, the well-known amateur track and hurdles "Star," who distinguished himself by a performance at the last Olympiad in Paris.—Reuter's American Service.

LOCAL CHESS.

COLONY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
OPENING.

The Open Championship of the Colony which has been held by the Kowloon Chess Club for the past two years, will be commenced probably in the first week in February. Those desirous of taking part should forward their names to Mr. J. S. Smith, Station Hotel. Every entry must be accompanied by an entrance fee of \$5.

ICE HOCKEY.

St. Moritz, Yesterday.
Cambridge University defeated Oxford University by one goal to nil at ice hockey.—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S
MATCHES.

Chelsea Ousted.

London, Yesterday.
Following are Saturday's football results:—

Division I.
Aston Villa 3, Liverpool 4.
Blackburn 1, Bolton 6.
Bury, 2, Burnley 0.
Cardiff 1, Wednesday 1.
Derby 2, Portsmouth 2.
Everton 3, Middlesbrough 1.
Huddersfield 5, West Ham 2.
Manchester U. 1, Birmingham 1.
Sheffield U. 6, Arsenal 4.
Sunderland 2, Leicester 2.
Tottenham 6, Newcastle 2.

Division II.
Barnsley 2, Preston 1.
Blackpool 2, Chelsea 4.
Fulham 3, Swansea 2.
Grimsby 0, West Brom. 6.
Notts C. 1, Stoke 2.
Oldham 4, Bristol C. 1.
Port Vale 1, Manchester C. 2.
Reading 4, Clapton 0.
Southampton 1, Leeds 4.
Sth. Shields 3, Notts. Forest 4.
Wolves 1, Hull 1.

Division III. (S.).
Bournemouth 1, Brentford 0.
Brighton 3, Luton 1.
Bristol R. 2, Gillingham 4.
Charlton 2, Coventry 1.
Northants 1, Crystal Pal. 1.
Norwich 2, Exeter 2.
Plymouth 2, Walsall 1.
Queen's P.R. 0, Swindon 1.
Southend 0, Millwall 1.
Torquay 2, Macclesfield 2.
Watford 2, Newport 2.

Division III. (N.).
Aldershot 3, New Brighton 2.
Barrow 1, Rotherham 1.
Bradford 2, Wrexham 0.
Chesterfield 3, Halifax 0.
Crewe 2, Bradford C. 1.
Darlington 3, Lincoln 2.
Doncaster 1, Hartlepool 1.
Nelson 6, Rochdale 3.
Stockport 6, Southport 3.
Tranmere 1, Durham 0.
Wigan 2, Accrington 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Clyde 2, Hearts 2.
Dundee 2, St. Mirren 1.
Dunfermline 1, Partick 7.
Falkirk 1, Celtic 3.
Hamilton 7, Bo'ness 0.
Hibernians 2, Motherwell 2.
Kilmarnock 2, Aberdeen 1.
Queen's Park 1, Aldershot 1.
Raith R. 0, St. Johnstone 0.
Rangers 2, Cowdenbeath 2.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The following English League Tables and Scottish League Table (Division I), include matches completed on Saturday:—

Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	25	14	6	5	68	37	34
Huddersfield	24	13	4	7	59	40	30
Leicester	26	11	7	8	56	44	29
Blackburn	25	9	7	9	37	43	27
Arsenal	24	9	7	7	50	47	26
Cardiff	24	9	8	7	42	43	26
Liverpool	24	9	7	8	55	43	26
Tottenham	24	10	6	9	47	50	25
Newcastle	25	9	7	9	51	52	25
Bury	25	12	12	10	46	54	24
Middlesbrough	25	8	9	8	54	52	24
Sheffield U.	25	9	10	6	44	51	24
Burnley	25	11	12	12	47	57	24
Bolton	23	9	9	5	45	36	23
Sunderland	23	8	7	8	42	42	23
Derby	24	8	7	9	59	53	23
Manch. U.	24	9	6	10	40	42	23
West Ham	24	10	3	11	52	60	23
Aston Villa	24	8	4	12	45	60	20
Birmingham	24	5	10	9	38	40	18
Portsmouth	24	6	12	10	38	61	18
Wednesday	24	4	8	12	40	53	16

Division II.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manch. City	24	16	8	5	61	39	35
Chelsea	23	14	6	3	47	21	34
Leeds U.	24	15	8	6	63	28	33
Preston	24	13	6	5	48	31	32
Oldham	23	12	6	5	48	26	30
Stoke	24	12	5	7	43	36	29
Notts For.	23	12	3	8	56	42	27
Bristol C.	24	11	4	9	49	42	26
Grimsby	24	9	7	8	44	50	25
West Brom.	24	9	7	8	52	45	25
Port Vale	23	11	2	10	41	36	24
Hull City	23	7	9	7	28	38	23
Swansea	24	9	6	10	48	49	23
Norwich	24	7	7	10	41	43	21
Barnsley	24	7	7	10	36	50	21
Clapton	23	8	4	11	37	52	20
Reading	24	7	6	11	35	47	19
Fulham	23	6	12	10	38	59	17
Wolves	24	6	12	10	38	55	17
Southport	24	6	13	10	33	50	16
Blackpool	25	5	15	12	42	65	15
S. Shields	24	2	17	15	35	72	9

Division III—South.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Millwall	23	10	3	4	72	32	35
Northants	21	14	2	5	57	32	30
Exeter	22	11	8	3	43	28	30
Charlton	21	9	9	3	31	29	27
Plymouth	22	12	8	7	48	37	27
Swindon	19	10	6	4	51	37	25
Brighton	22	10	4	8	44	38	24
Southend	20	11	1	8	37	32	23
Newport	21	9	5	7	38	35	23
Q.P.R.	21	9	4	8	28	24	22
Bournemouth	22	8	9	9	36	39	21
Brentford	24	9	3	12	46	48	21
Crystal Pal.	20	6	7	7	30	41	19
Norwich	21	7	5	9	42	38	18
Coventry	21	7	4	10	37	49	18
Gillingham	21	6	7	11	33	44	17
Merthyr	23	6	7	13	43	57	16
Bristol R.	22	7	6	13	43	47	15
Watford	21	6	12	12	34	41	15
Torquay	21	4	10	11	20	50	14
Walsall	22	6	2	14	30	61	14
Luton	21	5	8	13	47	49	13

Division III—North.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bradford	22	16	4	2	55	33	38
Doncaster	22	14	4	4	47	32	32
Tranmere	21	11	6	4	49	28	28

YACHTING.

CHAMPIONSHIP FOR RACING
YACHTS.

EXCELLENT RACE.

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's sixth Championship Race for racing yachts took place on Saturday afternoon, "Diana" winning an excellent race on corrected time of 4.19.11 (finishing time 4.20.35).

There was also a Service Race for whalers representing H.M. ships "Carlisle," "Sirdar" and "Ambrrose." The "Carlisle" entry was the only boat to finish the course which was Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Mark on line (S), Cust Rock Buoy (S). The winning whaler's finishing time was 4.49.56, corrected time being even. The helmsman was C.P.O. Taylor. The other two entries were steered by P. O. Kent "Sirdar" and P. O. Gibb "Ambrrose."

The result of the racing yachts Championship race follows:—
Course: Lyemum Beacon (P), Cust Rock Buoy (S), Channel Rocks (S). Distance 8.5 miles.
Handicap Class.

	Fin.	Cor.
Diana	4.20.36	4.19.11
Rolla	4.24.20	4.24.20
Colleen	4.32.18	4.25.13
Dorothea	4.49.29	4.40.59
Argulla II	4.59.54	4.51.24
La Linda	D.N.F.	

"I & G" Class.	Fin.	Cor.
Joan	4.51.21½	4.44.69
Halcyon	4.51.21	4.51.21
Ailsa	4.51.24	4.51.24
Thecla	5.25.02	5.15.07
Viking	D.N.F.	
Daphne	D.N.F.	
Gael	D.N.F.	
Pierrette	D.N.F. (Capsized)	

"Y" Class.	Fin.	Cor.
Adanac	4.55.06	4.55.06
Why Wonder?	4.55.07	4.55.07
Boojum	4.55.69	4.55.69
Adele	4.58.14	4.58.14
Lola	5.12.29	5.06.49
Wings	D.N.F.	
Bluenose	D.N.F.	

YESTERDAY'S RACES.

Navy Defeat The R.H.K.Y.
Club.

At the Yacht Club yesterday the Navy beat the club by seven points, thus avenging their defeat on December 11. The result is subject to adjustment.

Course: Club Line West to East, Quarry Bay Mark (P), Cust Rock Buoy (S), Channel Rocks (S). Finish—Club Line East to West. Distance: 6.5 miles.

Finish—Club Line East to West.				
Distance: 6.5 Miles.				
R.H.K.Y.C.		Royal Navy.		
Yacht Points	Yacht Points			
Colleen (3)	14	Dorothea (2)	15	
Why Wonder?				
(4)	13	Halcyon (9)	8	
Bluenose (5)	12	Wings (11)	6	
Adele (D.N.F.)	(16)	2	Boojum (10)	7
Zephyr (15)	2	Adanac (14)	3	
Lola (13)	4	Ailsa (6)	(1)	17
Gael (8)	9	Thetia (6)	(1)	11
Joan (12)	5	Viking (7)	(10)	10
59		77		

Course: Start Club Line West to East, Channel Rocks (P), Cust Rock Buoy (P), Quarry Bay Mark (P). Finish—Club Line East to West. Distance: 6.5 miles.

Distance: 6.5 miles.			
R.H.K.Y.C.		Royal Navy.	
Yacht	Points.	Yacht	Points.
Dorothea	(1) 17	Colleen	(5) 12
Why Wonder?			
Halcyon	(15) 2		(4) 13
Wingo	(6) 11	Bluenose	(16) 1
Boojum	(2) 15	Adele	(8) 9
Adanac	(10) 7	Zephyr	(11) 6
Ailsa	(3) 14	Lola	(7) 10
Thecla	(14) 3	Gael	(13) 4
Viking	(12) 5	Joan	(9) 8

Monday	(15)	74	63
Monday Race	59		77
Total Points	153		140

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Lincoln	24	12	4	8	47	28	
Stockport	22	12	3	7	42	29	27
Accrington	22	9	8	5	44	31	26
Halifax	23	9	7	7	43	35	25
Wrexham	23	11	8	9	37	35	25
Hartlepool	24	10	4	10	42	35	24
Rochdale	21	11	1	9	46	34	23
Darlington	22	9	4	9	48	37	22
Bradford C.	22	7	8	7	39	36	22
Southport	22	9	2	11	45	42	20
Chesterfield	23	7	10	7	37	43	20
N. Brighton	21	7	5	9	36	34	19
Crewe	22	6	10	12	42	48	19
Rotherham	22	6	10	10	35	37	18
Nelson	22	7	12	13	45	37	17
Durham	22	6	12	12	35	37	17
Wigan	23	6	12	28	50	15	
Ashington	23	4	12	11	31	35	15
Barrow	23	4	13	80	63	14	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.							
	P. W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	
Rangers	23	17	4	2	70	22	38
Motherwell	24	16	5	3	63	26	37
Celtic	23	14	6	3	55	21	34
Hearts	24	13	4	7	58	31	30
Kilmarnock	24	11	6	7	44	48	28
St. Mirren	24	12	8	6	48	52	27
Falkirk	24	12	2	10	48	58	26
Partick	24	10	5	9	36	47	25
Hibernians	24	10	5	9	50	43	25
Cowdenbeath	24	10	5	9	41	45	25
Aberdeen	25	11	3	11	42	47	25
St. Johnstone	25	9	5	11	45	49	23
Airdrie	24	7	8	9	37	42	22
Dundee	24	9	4	11	40	47	22
Queen's Park	24	7	12	15	45	58	19
Hamilton	24	7	12	15	45	58	19
Raith R.	22	6	12	15	45	57	17
Clyde	24	7	13	14	32	52	17
Bo'ness	25	8	16	27	57	60	13
Dunfermline	24	8	19	20	40	60	8

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CHILDREN'S SPORT.

ENJOYABLE DAY AT THE
K.C.C.

COLD SNAP DEFIED.

The 22nd annual children's sports of the Kowloon Cricket Club were held at King's Park on Saturday afternoon, when in spite of the cold snap, there was a large attendance, including many adults.

There were twenty-four items on the programme, twelve for boys and twelve for girls, and an extra race was put on for the bandmen of the 2nd Punjab Regiment which was in band of the 5th Battalion of the attendance and rendered a fine programme of music during the afternoon.

All the events were keenly contested and an enjoyable afternoon was spent by all. In addition to the sports, there were the usual side shows associated with Yuletide, and a Bran Tub from which many attractive things were secured by some of the lucky kiddies. Tea was served to the children at 3.30 p.m., and to adults at 4 o'clock. For the convenience of the men a bar tent was erected on the grounds, but unfortunately it was blown down by a strong gust early in the afternoon, and was not re-erected.

At the conclusion of the sports Mrs. R. E. Lindsell, wife of the President of the Club, distributed the prizes.

Mr. Lindsell addressed the gathering and on behalf of his wife expressed appreciation for the pleasure given to her in distributing the prizes. He thanked them for the beautiful bouquet in silver holder which was presented to her. Mr. Lindsell proceeded to say that he felt sure he was voicing the sentiments of all present when he said how sorry he was that, owing to her severe illness, from which they all wished her a speedy recovery, Lady Clementine was prevented from attending that afternoon as she had promised.

Then, speaking as President of the K.C.C., Mr. Lindsell said that he wished to take the opportunity of welcoming all to the Club that day. The weather had not been very kind to them, and they did hope after last Monday's rain to get a little sun that afternoon. However, in spite of this handicap, he thought that they could congratulate themselves on a very successful 22nd birthday party. For this success, hearty thanks, Mr. Lindsell said, were due to Mr. Lammert and his willing band of helpers, who had worked unceasingly in the organisation of the function, and to the prize contributors.

Finally Mr. Lindsell thanked all the ladies and gentlemen present for their attendance, and for bringing their children to the party. The speaker emphasised the fact that the party was not for Kowloon children only but was open to the children of the Colony, and the more children they had together the happier they would be. He hoped that all the boys and girls had enjoyed themselves and trusted that they would come there again next year and bring their friends with them.

The following were the results:—

Boys' Events.

Potato Race—Scratch (ages 10 to 12):—1, Gerard Abraham; 2, George Lee; 3, Frank Stokes.

Boat Race—Scratch (ages under 12):—1, Alister Holland; 2, Tony Sanh; 3, Alec Macfarlane.

Obstacle Race—Handicap (ages 10 to 14):—1, Harold Brown; 2, Joseph Pereira; 3, M. Bach.

Relay Race—Scratch—for teams of four (ages 10 to 14):—1, M. Bach, Stanley Lee, Ronald Holden, and Ralph Phillips.

Flat Race—Handicap (ages 6 to 9):—1, Dickie Branch; 2, Edward Frith; 3, D. Roylance.

Sack Race—Handicap (ages 8 to 14):—1, Joseph Pereira; 2, Jack Mackay; 3, Albert Kelly.

Tug-of-War for teams of eight (ages 10 to 14):—1, Cecil Jennings, Gordon Marks, Fred Yinnyard, Norman Whitley, A. Hargraves, Gerald Costello, Harold Brown and A. Smith.

Flat Race—Handicap (ages 4 to 7):—1, Freddie Gourdin; 2, Francis Neville; 3, Max Sayers.

Three-legged Race—Handicap (ages 10 to 14):—1, Norman Broadbridge and Victor White; 2, Jack McAlinsh and George Lee; 3, Alister Holland and Dennis Gregory.

Flat Race—Handicap (ages 8 to 10):—1, Dickie Branch; 2, Edward Frith; 3, Francis Jorge.

Flat Race—Handicap (ages 4 and under):—1, Clarence Hutchings; 2, Albert Odell; 3, Robin Donald.

Wheelbarrow Race—Scratch (ages 9 to 14):—1, A. Smith and A. Hargraves; 2, A. Kelly and Douglas Dixon; 3, Norman Broadbridge and Jack McAlinsh.

Consolation Race—Handicap (ages up to 14):—1, Eric McNider; 2, Arthur Ablong; 3, Terence Hutchings.

Girls' Events.

Skipping Race—Handicap (ages 14 and under):—1, Phyllis Gittins; 2, Mary Lay; 3, Marian Bryson.

Flat Race—Handicap (ages 6 to 9):—1, Betty Pestonji; 2, Joan Jennings; 3, Cynthia Sanh.

Skipping Competition (ages under 10):—1, Margaret Dixon; 2, Dorothy Faulkner; 3, Mary Lay.

Flat Race—Handicap (ages under 6):—1, Evelyn Jennings; 2, Helen Ingram; 3, Joan Croft.

Potato Race—Scratch (ages 10 to 14):—1, Marian Bryson; 2, Nelly Docherty; 3, Barbara Walker.

Skipping Competition (ages 10 to 14):—1, Jane Tobin; 2, Isabelle Holland; 3, Gladys Allan.

Flat Race—Handicap (ages 14 and under):—1, Marie Clarke; 2, Nelly Docherty; 3, Margaret Dixon.

Musical Chairs (ages 8 to 14):—1, Vera Crapnell; 2, Peggy Hargraves; 3, Phyllis Mooney.

Egg and Spoon Race—Scratch (ages 14 and under):—1, Phyllis Gittins; 2, Pamela Rundell; 3, Iris Frith.

Flat Race—Handicap (ages 6 to 14):—1, Marie Clark; 2, Barbara Walker; 3, Dorothy Raven.

Flat Race—Handicap (ages 4 and under):—1, Helen Ingram; 2, Beryl Holland; 3, Joyce Crapnell.

Relay Race—Scratch—for teams of four (ages 9 to 14):—1, Iris Frith, Iris Woolley, Veronica Allan and Florence Ho Tung.

Consolation Race—Handicap (ages up to 14):—1, Cissy Roylance; 2, Marie Smith; 3, Ruth Ingram.

Bandmen's Race—Scratch:—1, Pritam Singh; 2, Gurbachan Singh; 3, Pyara Singh.

FRENCH FLYING.

PARIS-HANOI IN FIVE DAYS.

The French military airmen who will shortly set out for Hanoi aboard a big bombing plane hope, by dint of flying by night as well as by day, to accomplish the flight in five days, which would constitute an unprecedented performance. It is hoped to take in Saigon and Bangkok. The airmen expect to be absent two or three months, the return journey being more circuitous and to be more leisurely.

The expedition will be in charge of Lieut. Colonel Antoinet, one of the three colonels of the 34th Air Regiment. There will be two pilots, Lieut. Mion, a war pilot who acts as the standard bearer of the regiment, and Sergt. Cernach-Assolant, who has already accompanied Commandant Weiss on a number of long-distance flights. Sergt. Lefevre, another long-distance expert, will act as navigator, while Sergt. Major Bosson is the mechanic.

TEXTILE MACHINERY.

In view of the great demand in Germany and other Continental countries for textile machinery, a special hall has been reserved for exhibits in the Technical Section of the Leipzig International Industries Fair, which commences on March 4, 1928. Already a large number of foreign manufacturers have taken space, and it is to be regretted that only one British firm has taken advantage of the new arrangement.

MANCHURIAN LOAN.

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S
ATTITUDE.

AWAITING DETAILS.

Although, following informal conversations with the Morgan partners, the U.S. State Department indicated on November 25 that no objection would be raised to the projected loans by that financial house to the South Manchurian Railway, an announcement was forthcoming on December 5, at the State Department, that the matter had not been formally presented for the Department's consideration and that until details of the loans had been submitted no action would be taken.

This announcement is interpreted by the "Journal of Commerce" as revealing a complete change in the attitude of the Government towards the loan in consequence of a general outcry against the project on the part of Chinese. The opinion is further expressed by this paper that the bankers themselves may now let the matter drop.

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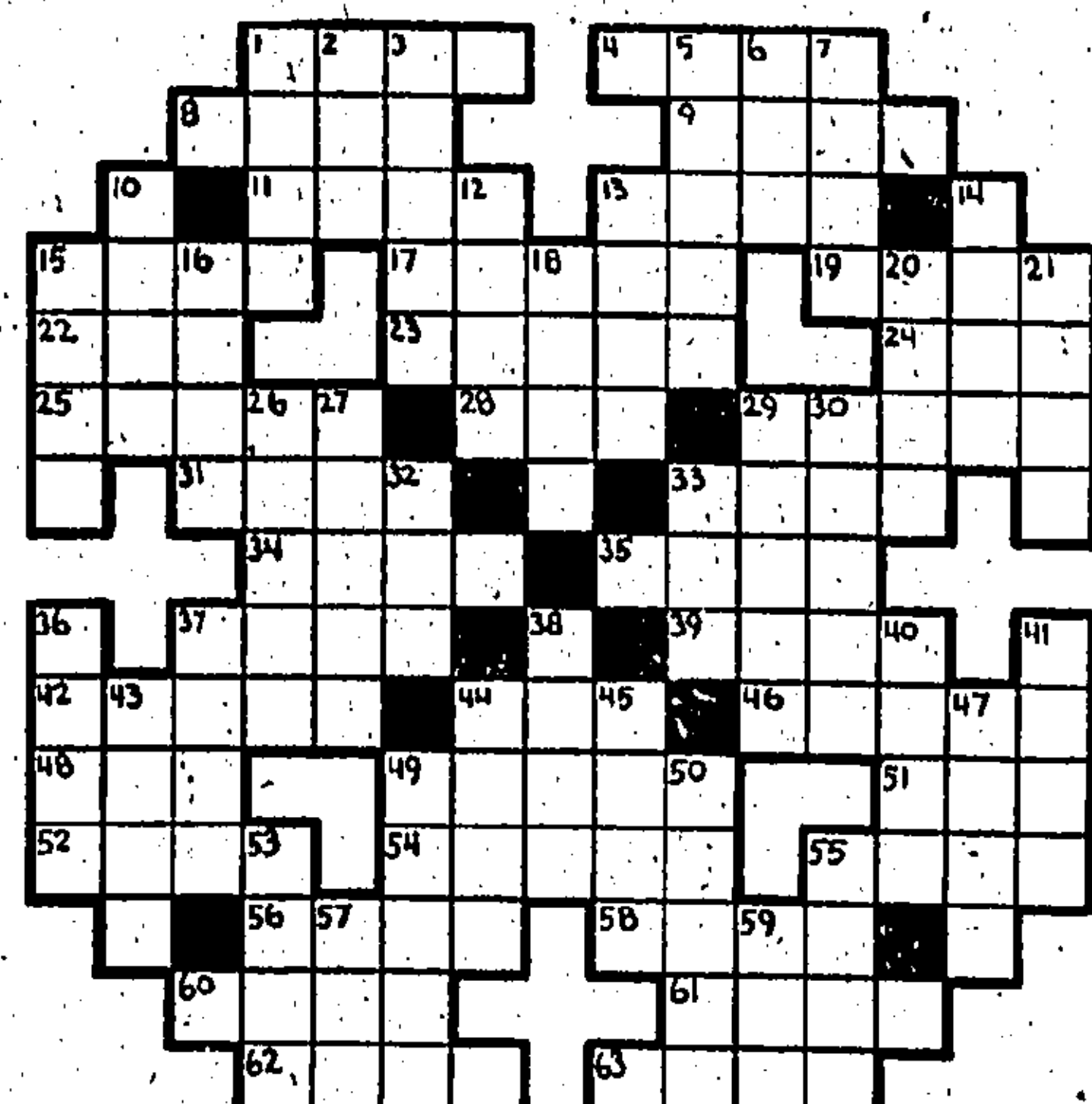
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL.

1—Quid of tobacco
4—Engrave with acid
8—Plant of the genus Linum
9—Sheepskin leather for books
11—Poisonous tree of Java
13—To be accustomed
15—Explosive shell
17—Lust after
18—Always
22—Herb of bitter taste
23—Banks of colts
24—100 square meters
25—Malicious firing of building
28—Strike gently
29—Bird's claw
31—Lay up
32—Yellow bitter fluid
34—Fatiguing exertion
35—Prefix meaning half
37—Keen enjoyment
39—Sudden plunge
42—In that place
44—Iron pointed mining tool
46—Postpone
48—Pertaining to us
49—Forelign

HORIZONTAL (Cont.).

51—Term of respect
52—Support
54—Shaft with spear head
55—in this place
56—Hostile incursion
58—Game of chess played with cards and numbered balls
60—Vital feature of a two-level canal
61—Quantity of medicine
62—Noxious plant
63—An ancient maritime city in Phenicia
VERTICAL
1—Heavy attack
2—Bafall casually
3—Precise
5—A horse pace (pl)
6—Peruse carefully
7—Dislike intensely
10—3600 seconds
12—Article used in cleaning
13—Strip of leather

VERTICAL (Cont.).

14—Who was Leander's sweetheart?
16—Boat
18—State of dirt
19—Small glass bottle
20—Valley
21—Year apart
23—Fur-bearing animal
26—Faint hearted
27—Running knot
28—Having life
32—Knowledge
33—Bottom of river
36—Cassia
37—What is the neutral point on the thermometer?
38—Hurt
40—Bealides
41—Funeral pile
43—Throw violently
44—Joyous
46—Flooding of ship
47—Breezy
48—Similar
50—Very poor
53—Bow of ship
55—Stockings
57—A unit
59—Neither

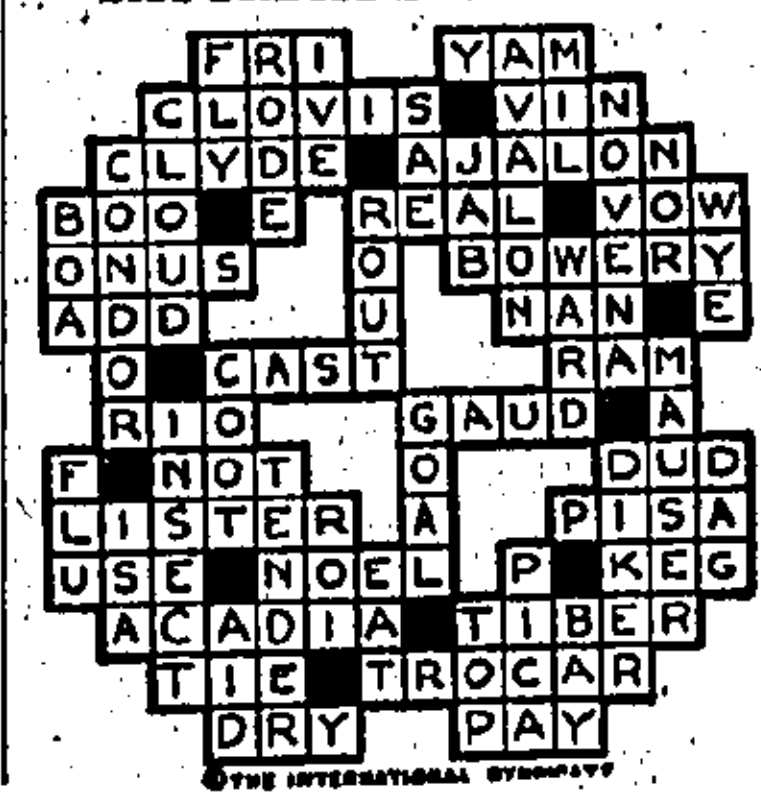
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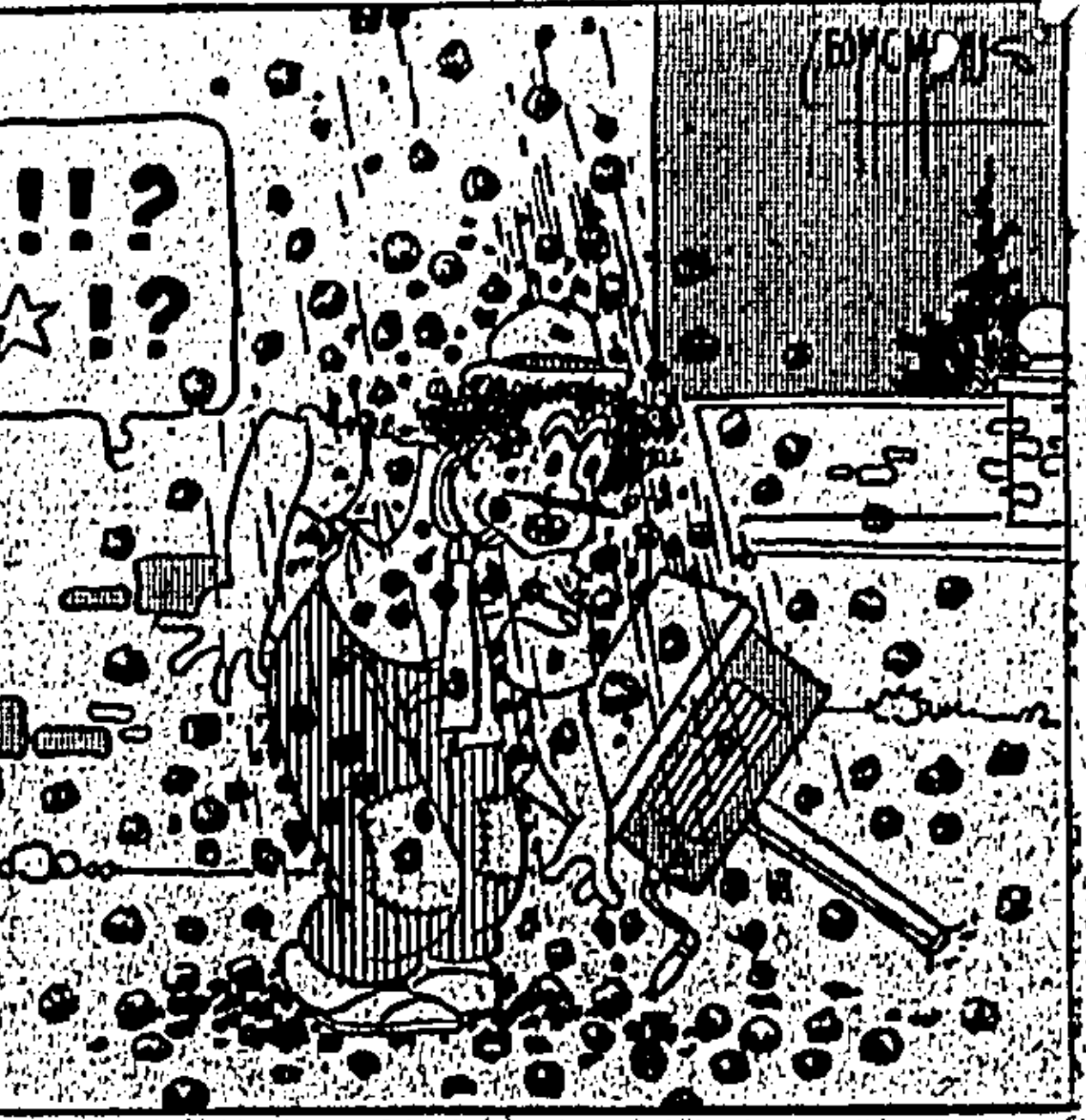
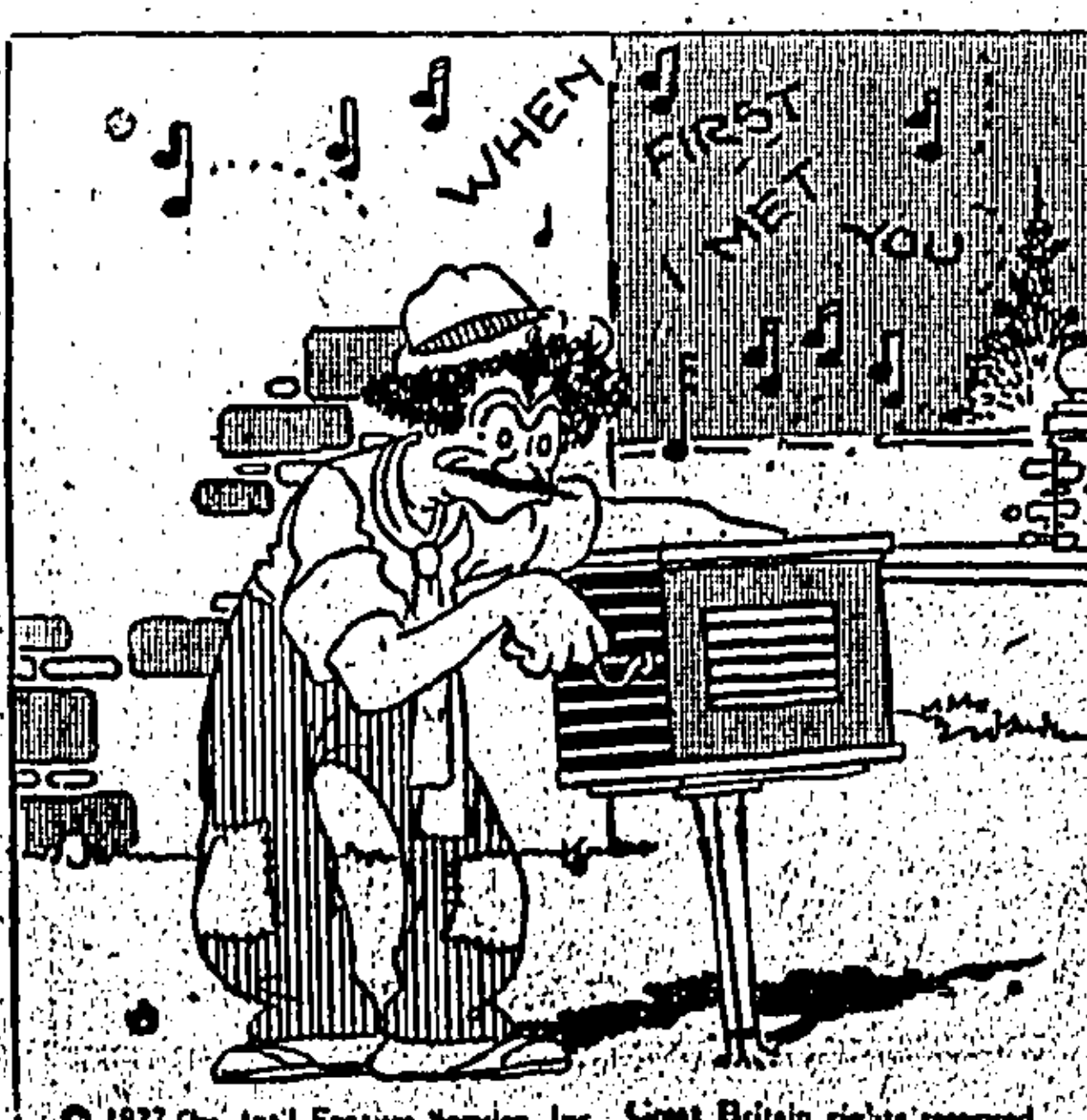
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LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

POLICE MAKE A GAME FIGHT.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

There was a big programme of League matches on Saturday and some very keen games. The big match of the day was at King's Park, where the Police made a good fight with their clever opponents, and the R.A. did well to beat the Club de Recreio at full strength.

The games were marred by the high wind, but the results did not provide many surprises.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

Division I.	
Queen's Regt.	2 Hong Kong Club 1
Scotts Guards	2 South China 1
K.O.S.B. Regt.	2 Kowloon 1
R.A.	2 Recreio 1
Police	0 Chinese Athletic 2
Division "A" Junior.	
South China "A"	1 R.A. Reserves 0
University	3 Club Reserves 2
K.O.S.B. Res.	3 St. Joseph's 1
Recreio Res.	3 Chinese Athletic 1
South China "B"	0 Kowloon Res. 1
Division "B" Junior.	
St. Joseph's	0 Kong Woo 0
Chinese Athletic	3 South China "B" 0
South China "A"	0 Kowloon "A" 4
Moslems	4 Scouts 3

Division I.

POLICE V. CHINESE ATHLETIC.

This match at King's Park attracted a great crowd who anticipated a keen game. The Athletic were without their right wing, Tso Kwei-shing and Lee Wai-koon, while the Police lacked Jessop and Oram, but included Hudson who played centre half, Pile going to centre forward.

The game started in most promising fashion as the Police from the kick off attacked and Pile shot outside when well placed. The Athletic soon got moving on the left where Chen twice shot behind from good movements and the Police for a time had great difficulty in clearing the lines. The Athletic again attacked on the right but Clarke saved well. Just after Suen sent a dainty shot flashing by the post the Police broke away and forced a corner which was cleared. After Suen had sent a nice pass to the outside left Chen steadied and beat Clarke with a cross shot—a really good effort. The Police were playing up surprisingly and Howarth was just stopped, Pau making a great clearance. Immediately following the Police got the ball in the net but the whistle had gone and used great judgment in placing but shot hard at Pau who saved amidst great excitement. The Police were having as much of the game as the Athletic but the Police forwards were weak and Howarth and Noonan were the only forwards who troubled the defence, the Athletic leading at the interval by a goal.

In the second half danger to the Police threatened through Chinese Athletics left wing where Suen and Chen were playing wonderful football and only great efforts by Hudson and Wynne kept China out. The Athletic came again and Wong Pak-cheung used great judgment in placing a shot just out of Clarke's reach. The Police were not going down easily and the Athletic were a trifle lucky to be two up. In the closing stages Suen raised the enthusiasm of the crowd with a clever shot, when hampered by Wynn, the forward screwing a short from a very difficult angle. The Police made a big effort in the closing stages and Howarth was nearly in, Pau being forced over the line. The game ended with the Police attacking.

Result:—
Police 0
Chinese Athletic 2

Comments.
The Police played a surprisingly good game and had Oram and Jessop been out, there is no doubt they would have done much better. The Athletic missed their right wing but Suen and Chen on the left gave a splendid display and are certainly a very clever wing. The strength of the Athletic forwards is here, as the manner in which both these forwards take the ball on the run is an object lesson in football. Wong Pak-cheung was as usual very sound in the centre and his goal showed great judgment. The halves were not so prominent as usual but played steadily and Lau Yuk-tat at left back played bang up to Interport form, his kicking being very fine. Pau saved his side with two great clearances, at a critical time. For the Police Wynne and Hudson played themselves to a standstill. Hudson made a great comeback and had a big share in the good fight the Police made, and Wynne has never played better. Clarke was very good and pleased the crowd with a couple of spectacular clearances. Brittain was beaten too often by his clever opponents but the forwards were the Police weak point. Howarth and

R.A. V. DE RECREIO.

Both teams were at full strength and the game started at a fast pace. R.G.A. with the wind in their favour early attacked. Xavier punted down to field and Silva, moving fast, tested Phillips with a good shot. The R.A. came away and clever work by Leech sent Jobe away and the winger crossing Recreio just managed to keep their goal intact. Remedios doing well. R.G.A. were not to be denied and in a strong movement Phillips scored, the same player adding another, the military leading at the interval by two clear goals.

With the wind in their favour Recreio made tracks for the R.A. goal and a nice run by Brown was just stopped in time by Excell. The R.A. made many raids, Ward taking the ball along nicely, but Recreio were now playing a very strong game and from a nice movement started by Remedios. Gosano came through with a big burst and Ginty stopped the centre forward but the ball going to Rocha, the Recreio forward scored with a shot close in. Recreio were all out for the equaliser but the R.A. backs were playing a steady game and the R.A. forwards dropping back helped to keep the King's Park team out. The game was somewhat spoiled by the high wind but was full of incident to the end and Recreio were just a trifle unlucky not to equalise. Gosano and Silva both missing close in.

The R.A. played a good sound game and took full advantage of the wind in the first half when they scored. Phillips played a good game in goal and Ginty was very prominent in a good defence. Ward, Pullford and Leech were very troublesome to the Recreio defence and wanted a lot of watching. For the Recreio Xavier played well at back and Remedios at right half was in tip top form. Brown gave a much improved display and Silva was very enterprising. Gosano did well but was carefully watched. Recreio felt the disadvantage of the ground and did not appear to adapt themselves to the rough conditions as well as the R.A.

Result:—
R.A. 2
Recreio 1

CLUB V. QUEEN'S REGT.

This match was played on the Club ground on Saturday and resulted in a win for the Queen's Regt. by 2 goals to one.

Teams:—
Queen's Regt.:—Moss; Dodds, Bunn; Byrne, Morris, Cantor; Hooper, Barclay, Caldicott, Herdridge, McLaws.
Club:—Rodger; Gerrard, Bishop; Wallington, Stewart, Watson; Taylor, Johnstone, McBride, Scott, Simpson.
Referee:—Mr. Phillips.

The Queen's were handicapped by the absence of Larking, their outside right, who has not yet recovered from the injury he sustained a couple of weeks ago. His place on the wing was taken by Hooper, who generally plays left back.

The game opened in favour of the Queen's who were first to attack. The first goal of the game was scored by the Queen's, Barclay netting with a good shot. From the kick off the Club strove hard to reduce the lead, and their efforts were rewarded when McBride scored. The game now became a keen struggle with both teams striving to gain the lead, and both teams had hard luck on a few occasions. The Queen's took the lead again through Barclay who scored with a good shot. This player was always a source of trouble to the Club's defence, as he was very tricky and quick with the ball. The half time whistle came with the Queen's leading by 2 goals to 1.

Half-time:—
Queen's Regt. 2
Club 1

The game resumed with play fairly even. The Club were the first to attack, and they should have scored on a few occasions. The Queen's now attacked and Barclay sent in a fine shot that just went wide of the mark; they continued to press and it certainly looked as if they would add to their lead, but the shooting began to get erratic. Towards the end Caldicott had hard luck with a good header that just went over. The final came with the Queen's victors after a fairly even game.

Result:—
Queen's Regt. 2
Club 1

SOUTH CHINA V. THE GUARDS.

This game played on South China's Ground on Saturday re-

sulted in a win for the Guards by 2 goals to one.

Teams:—
South China.—Cheung Yuk-kwon; Leong Wing-chui, Li Tin-sang; Leong Wing-tak, Pank Wah-hing, Leong Yin-chau; Ko Sik-wai, Fung King-cheong, Wong Wee, Ip Pak-wa, Lai Ting-chai.
Scotts Guards.—Jackson; Hurst, Johnstone; Carswell, Scott, Aird; Mortimer, Peake, Smith, McNiven, Brattay.
Referee:—Mr. Baldwin.

The Game.
The Guards won the toss and selected to play with the fairly strong wind in their favour. From the start the Guards took the ball into the Chinese lines, and only a fine clearance by the right back saved South China being a goal in arrears, in the first couple of minutes. The Guards were the first to score, Smith netting from a scrimmage in the goalmouth. With the wind in their favour the Guards were all over South China, and except for an occasional breakaway on the part of the Chinese, play was confined to South China's half. South China had a good opportunity of reducing the lead when their outside left had a breakaway, and at short range ballooned the ball over the bar. The Guards continued to press and Peake had bad luck with a header that just went over. Shortly after this McNiven had hard luck with a good shot that the goalkeeper did well to save. Just before the interval the Guards increased their lead through Smith, who scored with a well placed shot.

Half-time:—
Scotts Guards 2
South China 1

The second half opened in favour of the Chinese, and after about 5 minutes' play Fung King-cheong scored. The tables now seemed to be turned as the Chinese with the wind in their favour attacked with more vigour, and should have scored on more than one occasion, but their shooting in front of goal was very erratic. The Guards' defence played well, as they were called upon time and again to check the rush of the Chinese forwards. The final whistle came with the Guards winning by 2 goals to 1, and on the day's play slightly the better team.

Result:—
Scotts Guards 2
South China 1

K.O.S.B. V. KOWLOON.

This match was played at Sookumpoo on Saturday and resulted in a win for the K.O.S.B. by 2 goals to nil.

Teams:—
K.O.S.B.—Anderson, Gardener, Gear, Everest, Davey, Skiggs, Campbell, Stock, Humphries, McGlinchy and Pte. Alexander.
Kowloon.—Angus, Wheeler Dod-shun, Headley, Sims, McKelvie, Pile, May, Vickers, Tiernan, and Miles.
Referee:—Mr. Barber.

The game was opened by Kowloon, but the K.O.S.B. immediately secured possession, and made for goal, but were intercepted by Wheeler, who made a difficult clearance. The game was fairly quiet for the first twenty minutes of the game, then Kowloon making a bold bid, forced a corner, which resulted in the ball being headed over the bar. The ball was then taken to the other end of the pitch, which ended in a corner with more fortunate results. This was owing to combination between the forwards, the goal being scored by Humphries. From this point the game was evenly contested, the ball being first around one goal, then to the other, with half time arriving with one goal in the Borderers' favour. For the first quarter of an hour of the second half, neither side gained any advantage but after that the Borderers began to force the pace, a fine run down by the left wing ending in McGlinchy shooting on the wrong side of the post. A few minutes afterwards Stock beat Angus with a lovely ground shot from twenty-five yards range. The Kowloon lads then took a turn, and a high shot at goal was well cleared by Anderson, who flatted out a place kick immediately afterward. The Borderers then pressed hard, and forced a corner, which was kicked outside. Kowloon played up well in the latter part of the game, and were rather unfortunate in not scoring from a scrimmage in front of goal. A very interesting game finished with a win for the Borderers.

Result:—
K.O.S.B. 2
Kowloon 0

Junior Division "A."

SOUTH CHINA V. KOWLOON.

This match resulted in a win for Kowloon Reserves who fielded a very strong team. Playing against the wind in the first half South China defended well and in spite of good efforts by Red and Eastman kept their goal intact.

In the second half with the wind in their favour Kowloon monopolised the play and although mis-

ling a penalty scored a good goal, a long shot from Pasco giving Kowloon the lead. Kowloon were much superior and finished strong.

The Chinese backs defended well, the centre half also playing a good game, and the left wing was a clever pair. For Kowloon Wood was very safe in goal and Bliss and Guest were in good form at half back. Muir, Coates, and Eastman were the best of a good forward line.

Result:—
South China "B" 0
Kowloon 1

ROYAL ARTILLERY RES. V. SOUTH CHINA "A."

This game played on South China's ground resulted in a win for the Chinese by 1 goal to nothing. At half-time the score sheet was blank. In the second half South China scored the only goal of the game through Tin Lut-fat.

Result:—
R.A. Reserves 0
South China "A" 1

CLUB RES. V. UNIVERSITY.

This match was played on the Club's ground and resulted in a win for the University by 3 goals to 2. In the first half the Club led the University by 1-0, Purves scoring from a free kick given against the goalkeeper for carrying the ball. In the second half Tak Lam, Pe Lim, and Po Jap scored for the University and Rowell for the Club.

Result:—
Club Reserves 2
University 3

RECREIO RES. V. CHINESE ATHLETIC.

A great crowd at King's Park gave these teams a big reception and some very bright football was witnessed. In the first half poor shooting robbed the Athletic of good chances and at the interval there was no score. In the second half following a fine run by the Chinese outside right who centred in the nick of time the Chinese inside left met the ball nicely and scored a fine goal. Recreio came away and Pereira with an open goal shot outside and a big chance was lost. The game was very fast, up and down play being the order with Chinese Athletic slightly superior. For the Athletic the goalkeeper, left back, right half back and outside left played very clever football and Fernandez in goal for Recreio saved many times in good style. Silva Netto, Figueiredo, Marques and B. Gosano were outstanding for Recreio.

Result:—
Recreio Res. 2
Chinese Athletic 1

K.O.S.B. RES. V. ST. JOSEPH'S.

This match was played at Sookumpoo on Saturday and resulted in a win for the K.O.S.B. by three goals to nil.

The game between these two teams was well contested, with the Borderers making use of the opportunities offered. The score at half time was K.O.S.B. 2; St. Joseph's 0. The third goal for the Borderers came late in the second half, which they were rather fortunate in obtaining, the ball being kicked by Stevens, which glanced off an opponent, hit the goal post and went into the net.

Result:—
K.O.S.B. 3
St. Joseph's 0

Division II "B."

ST. JOSEPH'S V. KUNG WO.

This game was staged to take place on St. Joseph's ground, but owing to only 6 of St. Joseph's team turning up, the game was not played.

CHINESE ATH. V. S. CHINA "B."

This game was played on St. Joseph's ground yesterday and resulted in a win for Chinese Athletic by 3 goals to nothing. At the interval Chinese Athletic led by 1-0, and in the second half they added a further two goals to their score.

Result:—
Chinese Athletic 3
South China 0

SCOUTS V. MOSLEMS.

This game produced a fine fight at Kowloon Football Ground, the scores at the interval being two all. In the second half the Scouts played up well without luck, and the Moslems scored twice to their opponents' once, the Indian side winning by the odd goal. The Scouts were on the light side but played very bright football.

Result:—
Moslems 4
Scouts 3

SOUTH CHINA V. KOWLOON "B."

The Kowloon Juniors were far

C.S.C.C.

FAREWELL TO RETIRING MEMBER.

MR. P. LAMBLE HONOURED.

On the occasion of his retirement from the Government service and his impending departure from the Colony Mr. P. T. Lamble was honoured by his club-mates at the Civil Service C.C. pavilion on Saturday when a presentation, consisting of a table clock, a box of pipes, and a cheque, was handed over to him by Mr. Justice J. H. Wood.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Justice Wood referred to Mr. Lamble as having been an excellent Civil Servant and to the wonderful work which he had done for the Civil Service Cricket Club, of which he was a founder. As Mr. Lamble proposed to spend his retirement in Japan, which was not very distant from Hong Kong, he could be assured of a very hearty welcome from his many friends here should he (Mr. Lamble) desire to pay them a visit at any time.

In replying, Mr. Lamble said that the Civil Service was very dear to him—it was a part of him! They had grown old together and it was a great satisfaction to him that he was a life member. Mr. Lamble then thanked the gathering for the nice present which they had given him.

A Keen Sportsman.

Mr. Lamble came to Hong Kong in 1901, being appointed Senior Sanitary Inspector and holding this post for a considerable time. In 1920 he was made Senior Inspector of Personnel, and in 1923 was promoted to Chief Inspector. Later a special post of Superintendent of Staff and Works was created for him in recognition of his valuable services.

Mr. Lamble is an expert on the malaria problem in Hong Kong, and his knowledge of this has been of much service to the Sanitary Department. He was made a member of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

Mr. Lamble has always been a keen sportsman, and in his younger days was particularly interested in cricket, playing for the Civil Service Cricket Club, as a bowler and wicket-keeper. Up to a recent date he acted as umpire for the Club. He was Chairman of the Civil Service Cricket Club for many years and is now a Vice-President. He is an enthusiastic lawn bowls player.

Among other activities, Mr. Lamble was a founder of the local Rationalist Press Association, and is now President of the Hong Kong branch. He was also largely responsible for the formation of the Book Club.

HOCKEY TEAMS.

CLUB SIDE FOR SIM SHIELD.

Against the Army in a Sim Shield tie, on the U.S.R.C. ground at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI will be as follows:—W. J. Lockhart Smith; J. E. Henry, D. Lyon; W. R. Greenhalgh, A. Dand (captain); E. L. Noronha; G. B. Slipper, E. L. Sim, F. G. L. Wheeler, W. Woodward, B. D. Evans.

Y.M.C.A. V. AIRMEN.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. 1st XI against the R.A.F. at King's Park to-day, at 5 p.m.:—W. J. Lockhart Smith; J. Gardner, A. J. Ashby; A. J. May, Rev. J. P. Murray, W. R. Greenhalgh, F. Munn, A. A. Dand, F. G. L. Wheeler, B. W. Sampson, R. Murray.

At the December meeting of the Committee of the Bangkok International Chamber of Commerce the Chairman, (Mr. W. Haffenden) placed his resignation in the hands of the Committee in view of his approaching departure from Siam. Mr. A. R. Malcolm was unanimously invited to act as Chairman until the next annual meeting, and he expressed his willingness to serve.

too good for their opponents on the Kowloon ground and in a very bright game wop easily by 4 goals to nil.

Result:—
South China 0
Kowloon "B" 4

GARRISON LEAGUE FIXTURES.

To-morrow R.A.M.C. v. R.E. & R. Sigs. Referee, B.Q.M.S. Hutchins, R.A.

Thursday, January 12—12th H. Bty. R.A. v. 31st H. Bty. R.A. Referee, B.Q.M.S. Hutchins, R.A.

All matches are at Sookumpoo. Kick off 4.15 p.m.

LEAGUE TABLE.

	F.W.D.L.F.A.Pts.
C. Co. K.O.S.B.	7 0 1 0 33 3 13
H.Q. 2 K.O.S.B.	8 0 1 1 20 16 13
D. Co. K.O.S.B.	10 5 3 2 32 18 13
A. Co. K.O.S.B.	9 4 1 1 3 6 9
H.Q. 1 K.O.S.B.	8 4 1 3 19 13
B. Co. K.O.S.B.	7 4 1 2 15 10
31st H. Bty. R.A.	6 3 1 2 15 6
R.A.M.C.	10 8 0 7 16 35
12th H. Bty. R.A.	4 1 1 2 9 8
R.E. & R. Sigs.	5 0 0 1 7 9
R.A. & Sigs.	8 0 0 5 2 10
20th H. Bty. R.A.	6 0 0 6 1 20

NAVAL DOCKYARD.

CHILDREN'S PARTY WELL ORGANISED.

"SANTA CLAUS" PRESENT.

A very enjoyable children's Yuletide party organised by the Royal Naval Dockyard Recreation Club was held in the Dockyard on Saturday afternoon, when a large gathering of the children of members of the Club, and friends had a very merry time.

The party was housed in a large room of one of the buildings in the Dockyard. The decoration here was pretty, the walls being hung with flags, giving the place a very gay appearance. Special mention must be made of Mr. Luck who was responsible for the decorations and the arrangement of the platform from which Father Christmas (Commander Phillips, R.N.) handed out presents to Mrs. Pearson, wife of Commodore Pearson, who distributed them to the children.

Tables for tea, which was catered for by the Lane, Crawford Cafe, were arranged on three sides of the large room, chairs were arranged on the other side for the adults, many of whom were present to watch the children enjoy themselves.

The band of H.M.S. "Ambrose" occupied one end of the room and rendered popular tunes during the afternoon. The centre of the room was bare and here five funny clowns, comprising Messrs. Jones, Wynn, Merriman, Harsley and Grant, frolicked with kiddies, whose shrieks of laughter were good to hear.

At the far end of the room was a chute which was well patronised, whilst running diagonally across the room was an aerial bucket sliding on a wire rope, which gave the riders many thrills. Aunt Sally was also there, and the kiddies were enthusiastic in their efforts to hit her with rubber balls.

"Santa Claus" arrived unexpectedly in the midst of a terrific snowstorm in which he lost his sack of presents. He was a very embarrassed Santa as he stood empty handed in front of the cheering and very expectant children. Santa searched everywhere amongst the snow but could not find his sack. Then his attention was attracted to a huge snowball. He started shovelling it and with the first spade full of snow out came a very intriguing brown paper package. Others followed until very soon the whole platform was a mass of packages.

Mrs. Pearson gave out the presents as fast as Santa handed them over to her, each child receiving a package as well as a balloon and a bag of candy.

In the evening, starting at 8.30 o'clock, there was a dance for the "grown-ups" which was well attended, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all present. The "Ambrose" band again did yeoman service by supplying the dance music.

The committee responsible for the organisation of the children's party and the dance were Messrs. Gull, Hughes, Ursell, Hopper, Button, Luck and Baldwin (Hon. Secretary).

EARLY CHINESE ART.

Striking objects in the exhibition of early Chinese ceramics and bronzes at Messrs. Yamanaka's 27, New Bond Street, London, are the pottery models of horses, particularly two of the Wei period (220-265 A.D.). Of special interest to students are grave figures, in wood and stucco, coloured, from Tun-huang, in the neighbourhood explored by Sir Aurel Stein, the figures representing a period of Tibetan rule with costumes in some instances queerly recalling those of the Crusaders. The whole exhibition, indeed, is full of suggestion upon the perplexing questions of influence and counter-influence in the trade routes of ancient days.

Mr. Lee Hong-boh, son of the late Mr. Lee Toon-tok, who recently returned to Penang after a seven years' stay in England, where he qualified at the bar, has filed his papers in the Supreme Court there for admission as an advocate and solicitor.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

January 7, 1928.
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E. V. JESSEN,
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Hong Kong, 5th January, 1928.

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CRICKET.

NINE MATCHES DEFINITELY CONCLUDED.

CRAIGENGOWER DEFEATED.

A cold day, a strong wind all the afternoon, an overcast sky, and a slight drizzle later, tended to make conditions very unfavourable for cricket on Saturday, but there was a welcome change from the usual majority week-end drawn matches in that all the nine games which were played were brought to a definite conclusion.

The five league fixtures which were decided included three in the first division. The University are now the only team who have a maximum number of points to date. The Craigengower C.C. have suffered their first defeat, whilst the Royal Artillery have secured their first victory. The Indian R.C. "B" are occupying the unenviable bottom position in the table and will have to improve a great deal in their remaining matches if they are to avoid relegation to the junior division next season.

The leaders of the junior division, the University 2nd, were not engaged, the only notable change in this section being that the Electric R.C. have improved their position.

League Matches.

Division I.

UNIVERSITY v. C.C.C.

On their own ground, the University defeated the Craigengower C.C. by seven wickets.

Batting first, the visitors scored 91 runs, keen fielding on the part of the home team being responsible for three batsmen being run out. Mackay, (21 not out), going in rather late, attempted to put a brighter outlook on the game from the Craigengower's point of view, but received little support from the remaining batsmen.

The University made the match safe for them for the loss of three wickets. Gittins played a steady innings for 34 not out, whilst Lee hit out for 41. Scores:—

Craigengower C.C.			
H. P. Lim, l.b.w., b. Guterres	0		
A. Kitchell, b. Lam	14		
E. Zimmern, b. Lam	12		
D. Fritz, b. Rumjahn	16		
A. B. Hamson, run out	0		
U. M. Omar, c. Lam, b. Guterres	1		
S. Abbas, run out	12		
N. Mackay, not out	21		
S. Hachima, run out	0		
Y. Abbas, c. Rumjahn, b. Lam	7		
F. Oliver, c. Barrow, b. Rumjahn	8		
Extras	0		

Total			
Bowling Analysis.			
Guterres	12	8	30
Lam	9	2	29
Rumjahn	7	3	26
F. I. Zimmern	2	1	6

University.			
A. A. Rumjahn, b. Hamson	8		
S. R. Kermani, b. Hamson	1		
S. V. Gittins, not out	34		
E. A. Lee, c. Fritz, b. Oliver	41		
W. H. Sling, not out	17		
Extras	2		

Total (for 3 wks.)			
C. F. I. Zimmern, A. P. Guterres,			
F. W. Lam, J. Barrow, D. K. Samy,			
D. Laing did not bat			

Bowling Analysis.			
O. M. R. W.			
Hamson	6	1	20
Fritz	7	0	20
Kitchell	2	0	11
Y. Abbas	1	0	18
Omar	4	0	21
Oliver	3	1	11

C.S.C.C. v. NAVY.

Faced with the respectable total of 161 runs put up by the Civil Service C.C. at Happy Valley, the Royal Navy went for the bowling of the home team and brought off a creditable victory with one wicket in hand.

Sayer, going in first, gave his side a good start by scoring 31. Hamilton Hawkins, Grimmit, and Sutherland contributed 71 between them. Gardner took four wickets for 21 but had two sixes knocked off his bowling.

A big second wicket partnership of 75 runs between Sayer (59) and Armitage (28) considerably brightened the prospects of the Navy side and helped by a valuable 46 by Cecil they passed the Civil Service score for the loss of nine wickets. Scores:—

Civil Service C.C.			
G. B. Sayer, c. Shaw, b. Thomson	31		
F. J. de Rome, b. Wood	10		
B. D. Evans, c. Shaw, b. Thomson	8		
H. E. Strange, c. Shaw, b. Thomson	4		
E. W. Hamilton, c. Thomson, b. Gardner	20		
B. C. K. Hawkins, c. Gardner, b. Hills	18		
A. W. Grimmit, b. Gardner	16		
A. R. Sutherland, c. Venn, b. Gardner	17		
F. H. Holdman, l.b.w., b. Thomson	12		
W. M. Edmonds, b. Gardner	0		
F. A. Ling, not out	4		
Extras	21		

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.			
Thomson	19	6	56
Wood	7	0	28
Collinson	4	0	20
Hills	3	0	15
Gardiner	5	0	21

Royal Navy.

Rev. Venn, l.b.w., b. Evans	5		
Lt. Salter, c. Sayer, b. Edmonds	59		
Lt. Comdr. Armitage, b. Evans	28		
Lt. Hunt, c. Hamilton, b. Edmonds	1		
Lt. Cecil, l.b.w., b. Ling	46		
Pay Lt. Comdr. Shaw, b. Ling	4		
Lt. Comdr. Collinson, c. Hamilton, b. Edmonds	0		
Lt. Comdr. Thomson, not out	14		
C. M. Gardner, b. Ling	0		
Tel. Woods, not out	9		
Extras	8		

Total (for 9 wks.)			
E. R. A. Hills did not bat.			

Bowling Analysis.			
O. M. R. W.			
Ling	9	0	40
Evans	6	0	42
Hamilton	6	0	42
Sayer	3	0	25
Edmonds	6	0	16

R.A. v. INDIAN R.C. "B".

Slackness in fielding on the part of the Indian R.C. "B" allowed the Royal Artillery to put up 135 runs at Sookumpoo.

The Gunners scored at a rapid rate, the first-wicket partnership between Fogden (36), and Hole (17) realising 52 runs. Lt. Wright, taking advantage of a few "lives" early on, all of which were practically "sitters," played a merry innings for 62. Madar (3 for 39) and Minu (2 for 10) kept the batsmen quiet for a spell, but the other bowlers were expensive.

A. K. Ismail made a valiant effort to save the game for the Indians but had the misfortune of being run out when he had collected 15. Hussain (4 not out), and Madar (13) were the only others to get into double figures. Lt. Wright accounted for 3 wickets for 12 runs whilst Lt. Musson took 3 for 13. Scores:—

Royal Artillery.			
Mr. Gr. Fogden, c. Butt, b. Madar	36		
Bdr. Hole, c. Nazarin, b. Madar	17		
Lt. Musson, c. Sirdar Khan, b. Mohamed	5		
Lt. Wright, c. b. Madar	62		
Sgt. Jolly, b. Sirdar Khan	4		
Sgt. Glazebrook, b. Sirdar Khan	4		
Capt. Howard, c. Suffad, b. Minu	10		
B.S.M. Broadbridge, c. Nazarin, b. Minu	9		
Lt. Miller, c. Madar, b. Suffad	10		
W. O. Macdonald, run out	0		
Gr. Bacon, not out	19		
Extras	13		

Total			
Bowling Analysis.			
O. M. R. W.			
Suffad	6	2	36
Sirdar Khan	6	0	47
Ismail	2	0	15
Madar	9	1	39
Mohamed	4	0	25
Minu	4	1	10

Indian R.C. "B".			
M. P. Madar, c. Macdonald, b. Howard	18		
I. Hassan, b. Glazebrook	8		
R. Nazarin, b. Musson	1		
A. S. Suffad, b. Musson	1		
A. Butt, b. Wright	1		
A. K. Minu, c. Bacon, b. Musson	0		
D. Mohamed, b. Wright	1		
A. K. Ismail, run out	15		
Sirdar Khan, b. Wright	4		
A. Rahman, b. Bacon	4		
S. A. Hussain, not out	14		
Extras	9		

Total			
Bowling Analysis.			
O. M. R. W.			
Musson	11	3	13
Broadbridge	2	1	4
Wright	3	1	3
Glazebrook	3	1	3
Howard	2	0	16
Bacon	5	1	14

Division II.

RECREIO v. R.E.

At King's Park, the Club de Recreio defeated the Royal Engineers by four wickets.

The visitors had a weak side out, notable absences being Capt. Bridgland and Major Greig. The Club de Recreio bowlers were in fine fettle, Alves being practically unplayable. In six overs, he accounted for seven wickets, at a cost of one run each, a splendid analysis! Sgt. Jones scored 20 runs for his side but the others failed to contribute to any extent to the total which was only 47.

Pinna, going in towards the end for his side, hit out to good effect, collecting 40 runs. Noronha made 25 and Reed 12. Jones (3 for 9) was the most successful bowler for the R.E. Scores:—

Royal Engineers.			
Sgt. Waters, b. Pinna	3		
Sgt. Bellw, b. Reed	3		
Sgt. Jones, c. Reed, b. Alves	20		
Spr. Gillespie, b. Alves	9		

G. de Sousa, c. Kennard, b. Bollew	1		
M. Pinna, c. May, b. Jones	40		
H. Barros, c. Trumper, b. Peachey	6		
F. H. Carralho, l.b.w., b. Waters	6		
E. M. Sousa, not out	4		
Extras	5		

Total			
Bowling Analysis.			
O. M. R. W.			
Bellew	12	3	29
Waters	7	2	24
Jones	4	1	9
Peachey	6	0	23
Macdonald	2	0	10

"TAMAR" v. ELECTRIC R.C.

In a low scoring match, the Electric R.C. defeated H.M.S. "Tamar" by 15 runs at Happy Valley. Bowlers had the upper hand throughout, neither side reaching a total of 85 runs. The first three batsmen of the Electric R.C., Gahagan (18), Murdoch (30) and de Rome (17) made 60 runs between them, the remaining eight putting up only 17. Pomeroy captured seven wickets for three runs each, whilst Stephens took two

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.			
Kirby	11	1	42
Beasley	5	1	14
Pomeroy	9	3	21
Stephens	3	8	0

H.M.S. "Tamar."

Phillips, run out	12		
Pomeroy, c. Murdoch, b. Muskett	12		
Beasley, run out	25		
Stephens, b. Murdoch	4		
Kirby, b. Muskett	4		
Savage, b. Muskett	8		
Trim, b. Murdoch	0		
Lock, b. Murdoch	1		
Gatley, b. Muskett	6		
Nolans, c. b. Murdoch	1		
Scott, not out	0		
Extras	0		

Total			
Bowling Analysis.			
O. M. R. W.			
Muskett	9	2	30
Gahagan	3	0	19
Way	1	0	6
Murdoch	5	0	14

Friendly Matches.

HONG KONG C.C. v. C.R.C.

Travelling to Causeway Bay, the Hong Kong C.C. 1st XI easily accounted for the Chinese R.C. Against the visitors' total of 165 of which Syme-Thomson was top scorer with 33, the home team made 84. Scores:—

Hong Kong C.C.			
H. J. Armstrong, b. Ching	26		
O. Moor, l.b.w., b. W. C. Hung	10		
W. B. Cornaby, c. W. C. Hung, b. Ching	27		
J. R. Hinton, b. Ching	0		
R. A. Green, c. Choa, b. Ching	8		
F. Syme-Thomson, c. Choa, b. Ching	33		
R. Hancock, not out	27		
G. D. Mead, b. W. C. Hung	3		
T. E. Pearce, c. Choa, b. W. C. Hung	4		
D. W. Leach, c. Choa, b. W. C. Hung	2		
A. W. Hayward, c. b. W. C. Hung	7		
Extras	18		

Total			
Bowling Analysis.			
O. M. R. W.			
W. C. Hung	12	0	39
Ching	16	1	66
H. C. Hung	4	0	25
Youngsaye	1	0	17

Chinese R.C.			
W. C. Hung, c. Hayward, b. Leach	0		
W. H. Kwan, c. Pearce, b. Cornaby	0		
T. E. Yeoh, b. Cornaby	9		
J. L. Youngsaye, c. Hayward, b. Leach	21		
Li Hon-chi, b. Cornaby	0		
W. C. Hung, b. Cornaby	4		
H. C. Hung, c. b. Leach	8		
C. Choa, b. Leach	0		
H. Ching, c. Leach, b. Hancock	8		
K. L. Chau, c. b. Leach	15		
A. Hung, not out	0		
Extras	9		

Total			
Bowling Analysis.			
O. M. R. W.			
Leach	14	2	43
Cornaby	9	2	23
Hancock	4	0	9

H.K.C.C. 2nd v. C.S.C.C. 2nd.

On their own ground, the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd defeated the Civil Service C.C. 2nd by one wicket. Davies, going in first wicket down, made 22 for his side whose total was only 70. Griffin and Hall took 4 wickets for 16 and 3 for 3 respectively. Gillingham scored 35 for the H.K.C.C. Robertson who performed the "hat trick" in a League match for Civil Service last week, returned the analysis of 7 for 29, capturing three wickets in his last over which was a maiden. Scores:—

Civil Service 2nd XI.			
H. F. Harper, b. Tait	0		
R. S. W. Paterson, c. James, b. Griffin	14		

Total			
Bowling Analysis.			
O. M. R. W.			
Griffin	7	2	29
Hall	3	0	16

CHINESE LIFE.

LECTURE BEFORE THE CHINA SOCIETY.

MERCHANT TO COOLIE.

Illustrated with numerous appropriate lantern slides, Mr. Walter Buchler lectured before the China Society at the School of Oriental Studies, Finsbury Circus, E.C.3, on November 22, Mr. W. J. Clennell being in the chair.

Mr. Buchler dealt with "Some Aspects of Chinese Life" in a way which was both interesting and entertaining. Having set apart the type of Chinese who were familiar to most Londoners, he described the conditions of life of the Chinese in China from the relatively well-to-do merchant to the humblest coolie. Turning with admiration to the way in which trade is carried on over thousands of miles without any railways, Mr. Buchler spoke of the centuries old, mule-drawn Peking cart and the more remarkable Chinese wheelbarrow, and as regards the modern motor car, said they were already popular at the Treaty Ports, and in the interior were coming into use as suitable roads were built. Of Chinese honesty in commercial relations, the lecturer said their "can do" sealed even important transactions which elsewhere would be deemed a witness. Having described old-style Chinese marriage ceremonial, Mr. Buchler said that all the traditional seclusion and subjection of women was being greatly undermined by the spread of Western ideas. Free marriages and emancipation from family tyranny were becoming much more frequent, and in consequence a great deal of anti-foreign feeling had resulted from the attitude of the missionaries towards this movement. Some 98 per cent. of the 450 million Chinese whom Mr. Chu claimed to represent at the League of Nations were illiterate, but since the Government began to organise education at the beginning of this century, various foreign systems of education that had been successfully tried had resulted in providing about six million children annually with a fairly general modern schooling. Students who owed their school training to English and American missionaries, and were sent to study abroad, were invariably to be distinguished on their return by their fervid anti-foreign sentiments. At the back of every mob, strike or anti-foreign demonstration stood one or more student orators passionately preaching hatred of those "foreign devils" at whose expense and in whose institutions they had received their "enlightenment."

Those students who stayed at home and followed more the ways of the old school were far more pleasant in intercourse than the thunder and fire type who had become replacements of ill-digested European democracy.

The Chinese Soldier. Mr. Buchler described the Chinese soldier as a simple being whose profession entailed no very great dangers. War had been a national institution in China from time immemorial, and in spite of the modern weapons now being used was still largely governed by the principles of humanity and self-preservation. Banditry and piracy were the curse of the country and provided the equivalent in China to "going on the dole." Nevertheless, despite of the misery with which he was surrounded, the Chinese was a stoic who never gave way to tears.

Having spoken of the Western-style type of life led by foreigners, especially in the Treaty Ports, the lecturer paid a compliment to the Chinese, who, he said, if treated as other human beings, were peaceful and had a high sense of commercial morality. Various types of street merchant were then described, also the cotton mills and other industries. Peking, the lecturer said, was still the political centre—an extremely fascinating city, full of intrigue. Having described the Great Wall, and recounted a legend concerning it, Mr. Buchler concluded: "What part will the Wall play if and when the Cantonese come as far as Peking and push further North? I do not think it will become a battle zone, and a barrier to keep out the 'foes' for which purpose it was built. Propaganda and negotiations and money play a greater part in China's battles than do fortifications and guns."

Sir Wilfred Peck, Bt. of Rousdon, Devon, a former High Sheriff of the county, who saw service in Mesopotamia during the Great War, and who died in Paris in October, aged 43 years, left unsettled property of the gross value of 2172,888, with net personalty 2156,456. His bequest for granting permission for the use of all water from Government mains for flushing purposes, and what specific requirements (if any) are imposed before the permission referred to is granted by the authority concerned.

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SANDINO A HERO?

COOLIDGE TO ISSUE A
STATEMENT.

MISGUIDED COMMENT.

Washington, Saturday.
Efforts in some quarters to glorify Sandino into a sort of Central American Garibaldi have incensed President Coolidge who is preparing a statement setting forth the reasons for the presence of American Marines in Nicaragua and to counteract what the administration considers to be misguided newspaper comment.

Major-General Lejeune, commandant of the Marine Corps, is sailing for Nicaragua on Monday on a mission of inspection.—Reuter's American Service.

JAPAN'S TRADE.

ADVERSE BALANCE FOR
LAST YEAR.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

Tokyo, Saturday.
The Finance Ministry has published the trade figures for last year showing exports 1,992,000,000 yen and imports 2,177,000,000 yen.

Compared with the previous year the exports decreased by 52,000,000 yen and the imports decreased by 198,000,000 yen.

The adverse balance decreased by 146,000,000.—Reuter.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

AMERICA SHOWS A
DECREASE.

Washington, Saturday.
The United States gold production for 1927 was valued at \$45,000,000 being \$3,125,000 below 1926.

The silver production decreased by 4,000,000 ounces.—Reuter's American Service.

SIR M. LAMPSON.

WIFE RETURNING TO
ENGLAND.

Peking, Saturday.
It is understood that Sir Miles Lampson, who accompanied his wife and child to Harbin, was yesterday visiting several important towns in Manchuria before returning to Peking.

Lady Lampson is going to England via Siberia owing to her child's illness.—Reuter.

GOLD STANDARD.

CONSIGNMENT FROM NEW
YORK.

Paris, Saturday.
The French liner has brought to Le Havre from New York a consignment of ten million dollars of gold bullion which was immediately of France received it.—Havas.

HOW MANY?

WHAT NEW YORK BANKS
LEND OUT.

UP BY "NINE NOUGHTS."

Washington, Saturday.
Loans to brokers and dealers held by the New York reserve member banks have reached the unprecedented height of \$38,810,000,000, which is approximately \$1,000,000,000 more than on January 1, 1927.—Reuter's American Service.

GERMAN NAVY.

DEFENCE OF SEA-ROUTE
TO PRUSSIA.

ESTIMATES CUT.

Berlin, Dec. 18.
The Reichsrat has reduced by six million marks the expenditure for military purposes. The Government now intends to submit two budgets in the Reichstag, one with a new battleship and the other without one.

Herr Gessler, the Minister of Defence, in a speech in the Reichsrat, defending the proposal to build a new warship, said that the Government's view was not to curtail the programme allowed to Germany by the Treaty of Versailles. He pointed out that out of six cruisers permitted, only five were building and out of six battleships, only four were contemplated. The Government considered that they must at all costs take steps to safeguard the sea route to East Prussia which was impossible with the light naval forces possessed by Germany.

First Instalment.
Berlin, Dec. 18.
The Reichsrat by 36 votes to 32 adopted the Prussian deputy's motion demanding a sum of 9,800,000 marks, which is the first instalment towards construction.

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SACRED BOOKS.

DAY OF MOURNING BY
JEWS.

CHIEF RABBI'S STATEMENT.

London, Dec. 18.
The "Daily Mail's" special correspondent at Nagyvarad says that January 3 will be observed as a solemn day of mourning when the remains of the Jewish sacred books destroyed during the recent riots are ceremonially buried. Many prominent Christians will attend the ceremony.

The Chief Rabbi says that history relates the destruction of only 22 sacred books by barbarians during the last 1,000 years until the Roumanian students ruined 48 in Transylvania in three days by derisively loading them on donkeys' backs and afterwards making a bonfire of them.

The residents of Nagyvarad declare that the Police forced them to entertain and feed the rioters gratis. They also allege that the Police lent weapons with which the rioters attacked the synagogues.

There is little confidence in the Government's promises of compensation. The Hungarians consider that the only hope of security and comfort lies in the readjustment of the frontier and the removal of alien rule in Roumania.—"Ceylon Observer."

FLEA CHASING NEXT!

London, Dec. 24.

Electric rat racing for terriers starts on February 6 at the Stadium Club in Holborn.

Shares in the greyhound racing companies recovered after the fall due to the Home Secretary's warning that he was investigating abuses.

The main complaints are as to the serious effects the absorption in betting is having on juveniles in the elementary schools.

The Rev. David Herbert Somerset Cranage, secretary of the Cambridge University Local Lectures and of the Gilchrist Educational Trust, has been appointed to the deanery of Norwich, vacant by the death of the Very Rev. J. W. Willink.

In Kuala Lumpur, writes a correspondent, although the names of streets are placed at each end, it does not appear to be a general practice to have them affixed at the intersecting or cross thoroughfares, except in a few instances. And where this is done, advantage is usually taken to utilise a flattened or rounded corner for affixing the name board across it, so that the stranger is often at a loss to know to which street the name belongs. Where there is a post for the name board there is the same tendency to fix the boards across the corner.

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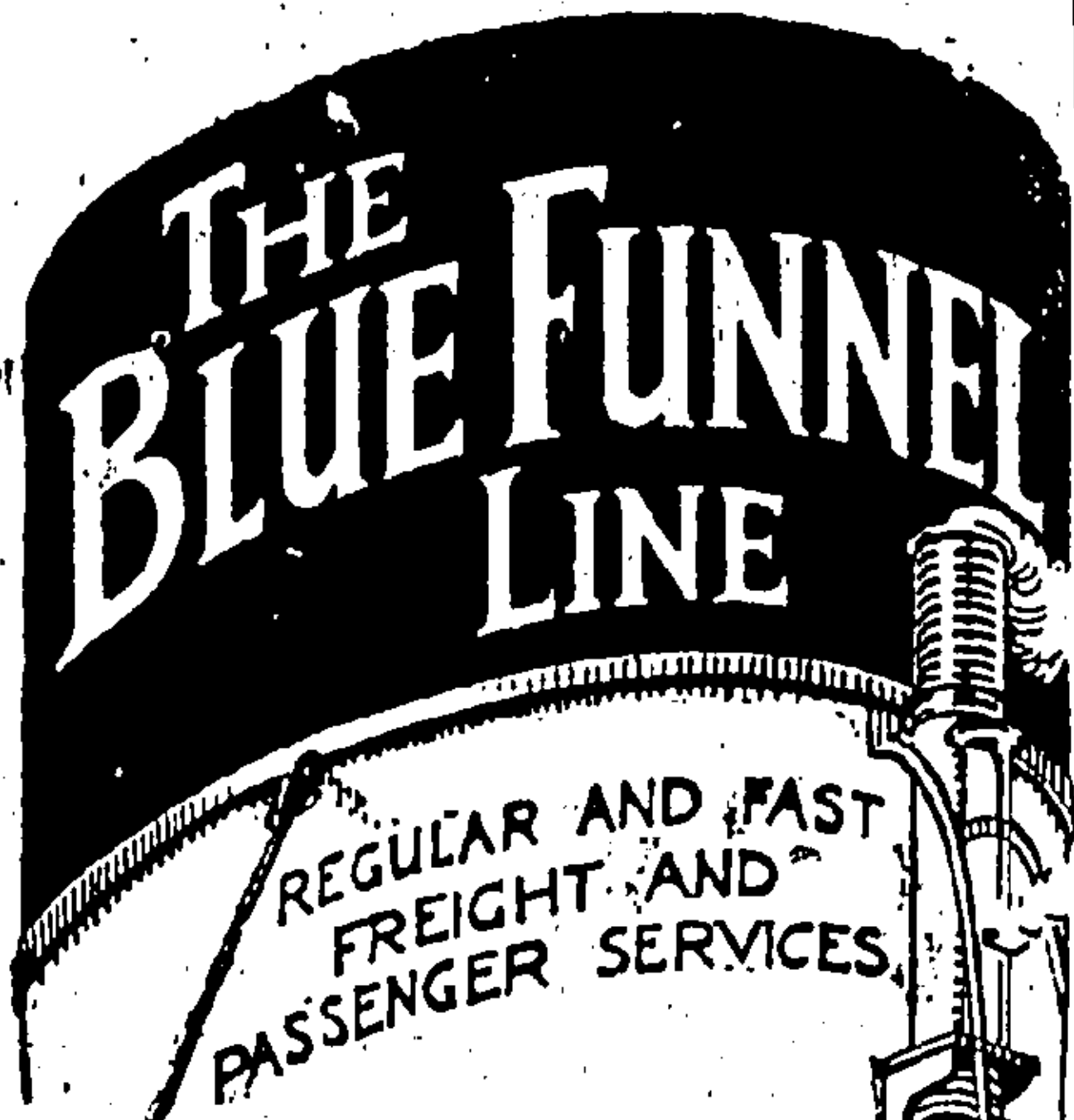
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 12		
Europe via Negapatam (letters only London, 15th Dec., 1927)	12	Hector.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13		
Japan & Shanghai	13	Kitano Maru.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15		
Europe via Negapatam (Japan only, London, 15th Dec., 1927)	15	Nellore.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17		
Japan & Shanghai	17	Chenonceaux.
Japan	17	Aki Maru.
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Australia & Manila	19	Mishima Maru.
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	MONDAY, JANUARY 9
Samshui & Wuchow	9	Kong Ning
Amoy	9	Namsang
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu & *San Francisco—due San Francisco, 3rd Feb. Registration 9.45 a.m.	10	Taiyo Maru.
Letters 10.30 a.m.	10	
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon.	10	
Letters 1 p.m.	10	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	10	Hosang.
Letters 1 p.m.	10	Haining
Swatow, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 9th Feb. K.P.O.—Registration 1 p.m.	10	
Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O.—Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	10	Orestes.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 30th Jan. & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	10	Pres. Jefferson.
Amoy	10	Sunning
Saigon	10	Wong Shek Kung
Swatow	10	Kwai Sang
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12		
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	12	Deli Maru
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13		
Shanghai	13	Soochow
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 12th Feb. K.P.O.—Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters 5 a.m. G.P.O.—Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	13	Kitano Maru.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 25th Jan. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (14th Jan.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	13	Taipei.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14		
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	14	Chonan
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	14	Hai Hong

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THE SHAFORCE.

Premier on its Great Value.

SPEECH ON CHINA.

Weaker Anti-British Cry: Now Soviet Control Lessened.

London, Yesterday. Addressing the Bowdley constituents, Mr. Baldwin, alluding to China, said the whole world conceded that the Shanghai Defence Force probably saved the lives of thousands of white people. He hoped it would be possible in time to withdraw the Force, but not if the withdrawal imperilled the lives of our own people.

There was a slight improvement in China; namely the Chinese were shaking off Soviet control. As they did that the anti-British cry was far less noticeable and the feeling was more anti-foreign than anti-British. There were signs that even that was weakening.—Reuter.

An Emphatic Statement.

Rugby, Yesterday. Mr. Baldwin, in the course of a speech at Worcester, made a reference to China. He said that the British Government was still prepared to revise its Treaty with China providing China was in a position to make a bargain.

As to the Shanghai Defence Force it was admitted by the whole world that it had probably saved the lives of thousands of white people. He hoped that, in time, it might be possible to withdraw this force and that they might see a united Government in China. But that force would not be withdrawn so long as its withdrawal might imperil the lives of British people.—British Wireless Service.

NANKING POLITICS.

EYES ON WEALTHY TRADING CENTRES.

TO OPPOSE CHIANG?

Shanghai, To-day. While news from Nanking is sparse, merely indicating that the new Government officials are taking up office without waiting for the confirmation of their appointments by the Fourth Plenary Committee, as for example, Mr. T. V. Soong, who took over the Finance Ministry on January 7, the situation in the middle Yangtze is developing along usual lines. The military forces are maneuvering for control of the wealthy trading centres.

It is thus understood that the ex-Commander of Hankow, Hu Tsung-tu is going up-river to Ichang, which was apportioned him by arrangement with Pei Chung-hsi and Li Tsung-jen. This has forced back Yang Sen to Wanhien, where there was recently called a conference of Szechuenese generals to consider future policy. Wu-Han troops are advancing towards Hunan as negotiations with Ho Chien have broken down. The latter is tending towards an alliance with Wu Pei-fu and Yang Sen against Wu-Han. Both parties and Canton seem likely to oppose Chiang Kai-shek. In Chekiang Ho Ying-ching is an important factor, as proved by the fact that the former Fukienese bandit Chang Chun, who assisted Ho Ying-ching in the invasion of Fukien early last year, will shortly be appointed Defence Commissioner of Shanghai and Woosung.—Reuter.

CHOPPERS USED.

ASSAILANTS TAKE TO THEIR HEELS.

As the result of a fight in the porcelain market at Kennedy Town, in which choppers were alleged to have been used, a Chinese living at No. 168 Canton Road, Kowloon, was yesterday removed to the hospital suffering from injuries to his head, arms and body, stated to have been caused by some men who ran away before the arrival of the Police.

Tasteful calendars advertising State Express Cigarettes have been received from Tabacqueria Filipina.

DISARMAMENT.

Defence of the British Proposals.

PRECLUDING COMPETITION.

Great Britain Will Always Be In Van Of Progress.

Rugby, Yesterday. In the course of his speech at Worcester yesterday, Mr. S. Baldwin, Prime Minister, said that he did not think that there was any country which had shown more practically how deeply and earnestly it felt in the matter of disarmament than had Great Britain.

He declared that the British proposals at the Geneva Naval Conference would have precluded armament competition.

He did not think that would be the next practical attempt to be made, but there was nothing in the course pursued by the British Government since the war which could lead people to think that, when there was anything practical to be done, Great Britain would not be in the van of progress.—British Wireless Service.

BAN ON WAR.

SUGGESTED PACT BETWEEN U.S. AND FRANCE.

PROCEDURE PROPER.

Paris, Yesterday. Writing on the subject of M. Briand's reply to Mr. F. B. Kellogg, the "Echo de Paris" says: Kellogg, the "Echo de Paris".



M. Briand.

says: "All M. Briand's amendments were actuated by intelligence and even necessary objects." The "Petit Parisien" observes that M. Briand, in suggesting that the pact should first be signed by France and the United States, adopted the only procedure which could achieve the aim quickly; otherwise, there would be a long delay in communicating the proposed formulae to the various other Powers for their study and approval.—Reuter.

VILLA DESTROYED.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION IN BERLIN.

TWO PERSONS KILLED.

Berlin, Yesterday. The city was aroused at nine o'clock this morning by a noise like a thunderclap. An explosion in the Dahlem suburb destroyed a villa occupied by two professors who were engaged in chemical experiments. The house was blown to pieces and two persons were killed and eight seriously injured.—Reuter. [This is the second explosion in Berlin within a few days. On Thursday a terrific explosion in North Berlin wrecked a house, the inmates of which were in bed at the time. Half the building collapsed and a fire broke out. There were seven deaths and 14 persons were removed to hospital. The explosion was due to a defective gaspipe.]

AN AVALANCHE.

OFFICER KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED.

Paris, Yesterday. A telegram from Briançon, states that a senior subaltern has been killed and a number of officers of the Chasseurs Alpins injured—some seriously—by being buried in an avalanche while performing military exercises on skis.—Reuter.

GRIM HOLD UP.

Defiant Kidnapper In Shanghai.

NIGHT LONG BATTLE.

From Attic Refugee Holds Police & Fire Brigade At Bay.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Yesterday afternoon, acting on Chinese detectives' information as to the whereabouts of a daring gang of kidnappers who are holding a Chinese for \$80,000 ransom, the Municipal Police surrounded and broke in a house in the Wayside district. They released the captive and captured two of the gang, one of whom is seriously injured.

A third was chased to the roof and eventually leaped an eight-foot passage and took refuge in an attic and opened fire on his pursuers. He held out all night despite the efforts of the police, reserves, specials, a riot squad, a sniping squad and the fire brigade to dislodge him by the use of numerous Mills bombs, tear gas bombs, sniping and machine gun fire, completely wrecking the attic but failing to silence the gangster. Several of the attackers had very narrow escapes from the gangster's bullets and finally after midnight searchlights and flares lit the scene while pickets watched till eight this morning, when five picked foreign police rushed the staircase and gained the attic.

The gangster fired his last shot, wounding Inspector Watson in the leg, and then collapsed. The corps was riddled with 15 wounds.—Reuter.

THE OLD TRICK.

CHINESE AMAH SWINDLED BY "STRANGERS."

NOVELS AS "NOTES."

Another Chinese woman has become the victim of the well-known bank note trick. She is an amah employed at No. 587 Nathan Road, Kowloon. She was in Shanghai Street yesterday afternoon when two men approached her, and, telling her the same old story, of being strangers in the Colony, asked her to go to the money changer's and change a bundle of Chinese notes for them. The supposed bundle of notes, which was done up in a none too clean handkerchief, changed hands. One of the men then suggested to the amah that she should give them something to hold as security for their money. She parted with jewellery worth \$54 and \$9 in money. When the parcel was opened at the money changer's the amah found that it contained a couple of Chinese novels neatly rolled up and tied with string. She hurried back to look for the two men, but they were not at the spot where they had promised to wait for her.

REMEDIOS' CASE.

REMANDED TO WEDNESDAY.

A. A. Remedios the ex-employee of the Gas Company who was recently sentenced to four weeks' jail for irregularities whilst in the employment of the Company, and was on Friday released from prison by Mr. R. E. Lindell on the application of Mr. Leo d'Almada, sen., made another appearance before his Worship at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. d'Almada applied for a further remand of 48 hours, informing the Magistrate that the Police had not yet got into communication with the Gas Company. Sergeant Whant could tell the Court, however, that Remedios had given every assistance, since his release, to the Company through the Police.

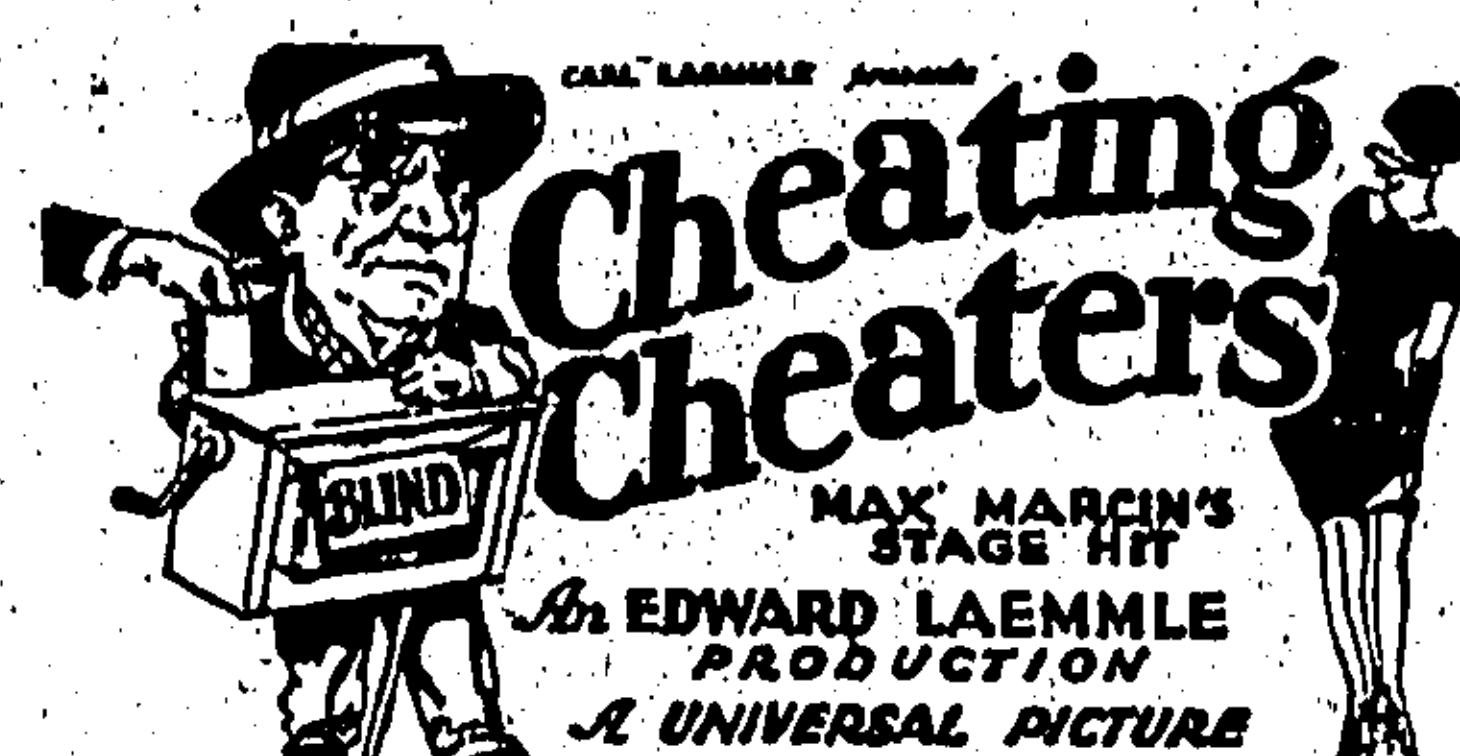
Mr. Lindell agreed to give a remand until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, remarking that he would not be prepared to give a further remand after that.

Mr. d'Almada said that he did not expect a further remand. As a matter of fact, Mr. King had asked him to make the application that morning. As far as he was concerned, he was prepared to proceed with the matter.

Remedios was accordingly remanded for 48 hours, bail in one security of \$250 being extended.

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